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First phase of Union renovations complete

After more than a year of construction, the food court in the Union reopened during Advantage Week.

By BURTON TAYLOR
MANAGING EDITOR

The Student Union is starting to show signs of completion with its first floor of dining space nearly finished. The completion of the first phase of the project offers students several places to dine where, just three months ago, they couldn't even enter. And, according to Barry Beacom, campus dining director, the renovations to the first floor are already paying off.

"It's handling business well with the way everything is laid out," Beacom said. "The traffic flow works well too — much better than before."

The end result of the first phase did not go without hard work though, and CPMI Director Randy Sharp said the fact that students were depending on using the facility this fall motivated them to work even harder.

"Our goal was to get the dining area open for the fall semester, and it was a tough one to push, but we did make the deadline and put a lot of hours in to get it done," Sharp said.

Although the majority of the first floor of the Union is complete Beacom said the dining situation is not yet 100 percent complete.

Freshens, Smoothies and the candy store are scheduled to open for business in the Union on Sept. 7. The Celler, located below the Conference Center, should open Friday but, instead of serving pasta, subs and pizza, it will act as a convenience store, which Beacom said is something the students requested.

The south portion of the second floor of the Union, which will contain offices for faculty, staff and student organizations, is scheduled to open in November. The north half of the second floor and the entire third floor should be complete in June of 2000, Sharp said.

In the end, the renovations to the Union will have cost the University approximately \$13.5 million which was funded with revenue bonds.

The completion of the Union is not the last Northwest faculty, staff and students will see of renovations. Currently, South Complex is being renovated and is scheduled to open for residents in January. South Complex will serve as a residence hall featuring room pods and apartment-style living quarters.

The University also recently spent about \$150,000 to demolish the Tower Building due to its old age. Reasoning behind the demolished building was fueled by the amount of money it would have cost the University to repair it, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services.

Other major University renovation projects currently on the horizon for



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Renovations to the Union were first seen by students during Advantage Week. Completion of the Union is expected in June of 2000.

Northwest include the Fine Arts Building, Garrett-Strong, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and the Foster Aquatic Center.

Pending recommendations, approval and funding from the state the Fine Arts Building will be renovated in order to update the building so that it meets current building and safety codes, Courter said.

The \$16.2 million project will not only correct cosmetic problems but structural ones as well.

"Anyone who spends any time in the building, for any long period of time, notices a lot of noise and smells from the basement," Courter said.

The building also is a potential fire hazard because of the location of the kilns, welding machines and other electrical art supplies located centrally under the facility.

"If there was a flash fire it could engulf that whole building, but chances are that won't happen," Courter said.

Garrett-Strong, although not a fire hazard, is scheduled to be renovated for the same cosmetic and structural reasons as the Fine Arts Building, Courter said. Half of the building will be taken off-line at a time, with the first phase to begin in January. Twelve months later the second half of the estimated \$15.3 million renovation project will begin with a projected completion date set for January of 2002.

The University plans to add office and class space for the theater department to Mary Linn in the next couple years. The Aquatic Center is being renovated due to its old age and the deterioration of the brick and mortar that line the building's exterior.



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Northwest student shuffle through the newly renovated food court located on the first floor of the Union. The open atmosphere allows for faster food pick up during busy times.

City's asphalt street project completed

By JOSH FLAHARTY
NEWS EDITOR

The city of Maryville completed its \$100,000 asphalt overlay project Tuesday.

Assistant City Manager Matt Chesnut said the project is completed in three days instead of the planned seven.

He said the project sites were chosen because they were in the need of repair.

"We've patched some of these streets so many times that our car just shakes when you're on it," Chesnut said.

The limiting factor in the street repair project was cost.

Only \$100,000 was assigned for the asphalt project allowing about 25 blocks worth of paving to be done.

Portions of East Fourth, Market, Lincoln, Laura, South and Grant streets and Crestview Drive were paved this summer.

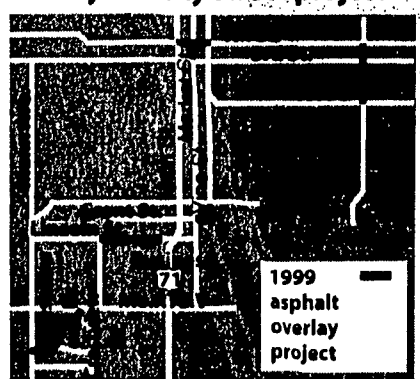
"If I had the money, I'd repave the entire city, but you've got to take what you can get," Chesnut said.

You've got to go out and do \$100,000 worth of work this year and then go back out and do the same thing next year."

The city is also making plans for next five years' permanent street projects.

The project for the summer of 2000 will be North Dewey Street from Seventh Street to about 16th Street.

Maryville city street project



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New Northwest alcohol policy implemented

By MARK HORNICKEL
MANAGING EDITOR

Northwest has instituted a new policy which will allow University officials to call parents for certain alcohol-related infractions.

The new policy, which was approved by the president's cabinet July 21, is a protocol for informing parents of situations where alcohol abuse is involved.

Examples of incidents which merit a parental notification include health threatening intoxication, fighting, harassment or property damage which can be linked to excessive drinking. Evidence of a recurring pattern of alcohol related violations, residence hall violations and violations of the University judicial code may also result in parental notification.

"I really don't see this as a giant hammer," said Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for student affairs. "I see it more as a 'you have potentially a problem. You're not addressing it. We need to work together to address it.'"

However, students who go through the student-faculty discipline system often get fines which appear on their bills as a discipline fine. Since many students have their bills sent home, many parents find out their students are in a disciplinary situation, Cowles said.

"In the whole scheme of things, I don't see it as 'we're going to tell Mom and Dad on you,'" Cowles said. "I see it more as, 'you really may have some issues that you have to deal with. You had one chance to deal with them on your own. You're back here again. Obviously you're not dealing with them on your own. Let's get a community of support for you, so you can address some of these situations.'"

Parents will probably not be notified after an initial alcohol related offense, Cowles said.

"In other words this is an educational/institution, and some people make educated mistakes early on, and hopefully they learn from those mistakes. So a first alcohol violation, unless it's potentially harmful to a student or themselves, or it involves property destruction, we probably won't involve alcohol notification to the parents."

It will be Cowles' responsibility to notify parents after consulting with University personnel. Cowles said she will tell students to notify their parents too.

"It really is an opportunity for us to involve parents in working with students when there are more extreme cases, when the behavior is potentially harmful and disruptive to others, or when there just seems to be a pattern, and at some point there has to be recognition that it can't be tolerated," Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs, said.

Penalties are determined by the student faculty discipline committee.

Freshmen learn of drinking hazards

In Freshman Seminar, Northwest is introducing "Alcohol 101." Every freshman is getting their own CD-ROM to practice decision making. It allows a user to type in their personal information such as weight, height, and even what sort of day they had and sends him or her to a party. Then, the user makes decisions at a party scenario.

"I was talking to a student that scared me to death," Cowles said. "I said, 'have you tried the 'Alcohol 101,' and she said, 'yeah, I was raped and I got a DWI.' And she really shook it off and it kind of took me by surprise, and then she said after pausing, 'and boy am I glad that was only a game.'"

Agreement reached on record number of transfer hours

By JACOB DIPIETRE
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Northwest has entered into an agreement with the Metropolitan Community Colleges, enabling MCC students to make a "seamless transition" from an associate's degree program to a baccalaureate degree program at Northwest. University President Dean Hubbard signed the articulation agreement at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the MCC central administration offices in Kansas City, Monday morning.

The agreement will allow any student at the Metropolitan Community Colleges, who has earned an associate's degree in applied science in general business to complete a bachelor of science in business management at Northwest.

Northwest also agreed to accept any freshman or sophomore general education or business administration credits.

Hubbard said Northwest benefits in this agreement by gaining students that would not normally apply to Northwest.

"It's a feeder for us," Hubbard said. "These are students that we wouldn't get otherwise. The people that we are dealing with here are non-traditional. They have children. They have full time jobs."

Hubbard said transferring students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average, and courses below the 100 level are not transferable.

Northwest will accept a maximum of 84 credit hours, which is more than the typical 64 credits accepted.

Betty Heltman, transfer specialist in the admissions office, said The State Coordinating Board of Higher Education decided to revoke the 64 credit hour maximum rule last year.

MCC Chancellor Wayne Giles said this is probably the first time a state university has accepted so many transfer hours.

He said he sees it as a compliment to the type of education MCC campuses provide.

"That is a major breakthrough," Giles said. "We are very pleased with the fact that Northwest is accepting 84 hours. I think it is a recognition of the quality of education students receive at MCC."

The Week in Review

Students take academic vow



Provost Tim Gilmour and Advantage Week coordinator Angel McAdams work together to fix the sound system in Bearcat Arena during convocation on Sunday. The attempt was successful and convocation continued as planned.

Ceremony exemplifies students', University's commitment

Freshmen orientation week ended Sunday with the second annual convocation ceremony conducted in Bearcat Arena.

University President Dean Hubbard said the ceremony marks the start of a new academic year.

"Its purpose is to come to closure on orientation and to emphasize the importance of learning," Hubbard said. "Their basic purpose for being here is academic."

There has been a marked improvement in the University's retention numbers, and Hubbard said the convocation probably plays a major role in those.

University administrators, along with Student Senate President, Laurie Zimmerman, spoke to the freshman class about what is expected of them.

Freshman broadcasting major Mark Maasen said he got a lot out of the ceremony and has a clearer picture of what college life is like.

"It kind of gave me a better understanding of what is expected of me here at Northwest," Maasen said. "Not just being a student but becoming involved in campus and Maryville."

Radio station changes format

Campus radio station KDLX, formerly known as 106.7 the X underwent a format change from "modern rock" music to contemporary hit radio last week.

The new format features artists like Ricky Martin, Pearl Jam, Smashmouth and Will Smith.

Station manager Chris Stigall said the change is due in part to the fact that for women 18 to 35 contemporary hit radio is the No. 1 format in major markets like Omaha, Neb., Des Moines, Iowa, and Kansas City.

"Why does that matter to us?" Stigall said. "Northwest's male to female ratio is quite drastic, in fact its 3 to 1. We feel this format is more broadly appealing to people. We realize not everyone will like it. Not that we don't care about those listeners, but we thought this would have a larger appeal, rather than the narrow focus of modern rock."

The new X-106 debuted last Wednesday as freshman moved in and can be heard on Channel 9.

Listen up

■ X-106 can be heard on Channel 9, the campus television station.

■ KDLX is also online at www.x106.cjb.net.

Going the distance

Over the summer, the Board of Regents voted to amend on-campus telephone long-distance rates for a fixed rate. Here is a break down of the new long-distance rates:

Night Rate (Every Night 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.)	12.4 cents per minute
Weekend Rate (Sat-Sun 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)	12.4 cents per minute
Evening Rate (Sun-Fri 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.)	15.4 cents per minute
Day Rate (Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)	24.4 cents per minute
Weekend Rate (based on past student usage)	16.4 cents per minute

NORTHWEST

Web-based e-mail linked to network

Northwest has implemented a new e-mail program for faculty, staff and students.

To access an e-mail account, go to www.nwmissouri.edu or mail.nwmissouri.edu.

At the log on box, users should

enter their username and click their mouse where the screen reads "click here."

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From this page users can access mail by clicking the in box, and draft and send mail from this page.

To recover lost or forgotten passwords, contact Computing Services at x1534.

Firewall constructed to prevent intrusion

A University committee of avid computer users has been formed to mandate the operations of a new firewall which was installed to Northwest's server last summer.

The firewall was installed because several attacks made by outside intruders have slowed down the University's computer services.

The FBI, MOREnet and the

University's financial advisers recommended the firewall be installed.

Because of work currently being done to the firewall which runs out of Kansas City, the University's network and Internet access has been slowed down.

A date has not been set as to when the firewall, and network, will be fully operational at its top speed.

Check out *The Missourian* next week for a full update or online at www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian.

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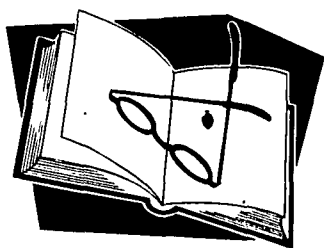
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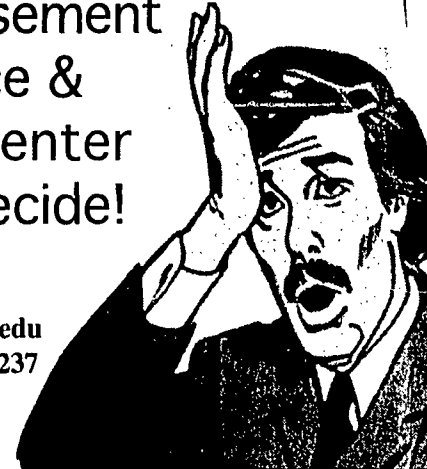
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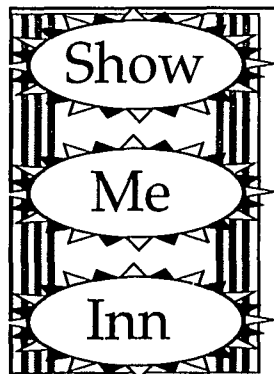
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The Week in Preview

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sorority rushees pick up invitations ■ Noon to 4 p.m. Sorority Rush parties ■ 5 p.m. Painter-Printmaker James Butler Exhibit Opens ■ Deluce Gallery 30	Sorority rushees pick up invitations ■ Noon to 4 p.m. Sorority Rush parties ■ 5 p.m. Fraternity split rush ■ Alpha Gamma Rho ■ Kappa Sigma ■ Sigma Tau Gamma 31	Sorority bld day ■ 5 p.m. ■ Conference Center 1	CLEP, GED & MAT Tests Fraternity open rush events ■ 4 - 10 p.m. 2

Student pleads guilty

By VALERIE MOSSMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A Northwest student pleaded guilty to three felony counts of forgery on Aug. 9.

Katrina Gibbs, Maryville, sentence was suspended. She was ordered to serve five years probation, and to pay restitution and all costs.

Gibbs also pleaded guilty to stealing by deceit and was ordered to serve 22 days in jail, which began Aug. 9.

According to David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney, Gibbs and Angela Waller, also a Northwest student, were originally charged with 11 felony counts of credit card fraud.

Baird said the two women obtained information from the University's computer system, recovering the date of birth, social security number and name of another student, identified as Shannon K. Paulsen, Maryville.

Waller appeared in court Tuesday in connection with the crime. Her counsel motioned to have her court date extended to Oct. 8.

Waller was on probation during the time the fraud occurred, which may be cause for a revocation of her probation.

Gibbs is to reappear in court on Sept. 13 to determine the total amount of restitution and how she is to pay.

Add your organization's events to the community calendar

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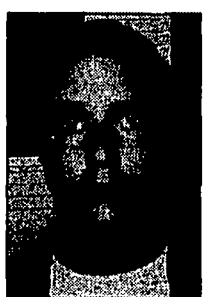
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Midway trial to begin, sentencings to follow

A pre-trial hearing for the Oct. 12, 1997, murder of Gracie Hixson, a Midway Shop & Hop store clerk, was held Thursday morning for Travis Canon at the Andrew County Courthouse.

Canon's jury trial is set to begin at 9 a.m. on Sept. 27 and continue throughout the week.

Former Northwest students Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin will be sentenced Oct. 25. Baldwin's sentencing is to begin at 9 with Campbell's following at



TRAVIS CANON
JURY TRIAL SCHEDULED

IN THE COURTS

10:30 that morning. Both men pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, armed criminal action and first-degree robbery.

The maximum sentence for second-degree murder is life imprisonment.

Three appear in court to face drug charges

Individuals charged with drug offenses in connection with the March 19 arrest at Microtel Inns and Suites in Maryville appeared in court Monday to set trial dates.

Eric Brandon Wise and Benito Guterrez are charged with 11 felony counts, including three counts of class B sale or distribution of a controlled substance; four counts of class B felony possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute; and four counts of class C felony possession of a controlled substance.

Casey Holman is also charged with attempted distribution of a

controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Wise's jury trial has been set for Nov. 18-19. Guterrez's jury trial is set for Nov. 28-29. Holman's jury trial will be Dec. 17.

Five year probation given to defendants

Other cases heard on Monday included Mikayla O'Dell, who pleaded guilty to felony possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to five years probation, jail time and a drug evaluation.

Margaret Nickels was sentenced to five years probation, restitution, 40 hours of community service and can no longer obtain a checking account due to a felony bad check conviction.

Bradley Degase violated his probation by stealing a flag from Mazingo Golf Course. There was a motion to revoke his probation. Degase was sentenced to a five-year probation and 30 days in jail, which he began serving Monday.

Encore announces line-up for 1999-2000

Encore

The Last Swing of the Century
 ■ 3 p.m., Oct. 17
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
The Pirates of Penzance
 ■ 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
1776
 ■ 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
Amahl & the Night Visitors
 ■ 7:30 p.m., Nov. 29
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
Tap Dogs
 ■ 7:30 p.m., Jan. 19
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
The King and I
 ■ 7:30 p.m., Feb. 3
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
Classical Pianist Enid Katahn
 ■ 7:30 p.m., Feb. 10
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
Jazz Pianist George Maurer
 ■ 7:30 p.m., March 28
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Guys and Dolls

■ 7:30 p.m., March 2-4,
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

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 ■ Conference Center
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 ■ 8 p.m., Oct. 6
 ■ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
Storm Chaser Warren Faidley
 ■ 8 p.m., Feb. 8
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Views & Opinions

OUR VIEW

Alcohol policy unfair

University needs to establish clearer guidelines to merit parental notification for alcohol-related actions

Northwest has recently implemented a policy which allows the school to inform students' parents of disciplinary incidents which involve alcohol. Although the policy is intended to get help for students who may be heading down the path to alcoholism, we believe there are better ways to provide such assistance.

When we came to college, we took on the responsibility of living as an adult.

And as adults, we should be free to live our lives as we chose. We can stay out until 4 a.m. and no one can tell us any different. We can sleep through class and not expect a truant call from school. But we know we will have to live with the consequences.

With this new policy, some of that freedom has been taken away. No matter how old a student may be, if they are claimed as a tax dependent by their parents, a phone call telling Mom and Dad their student is in trouble is once again a possibility.

Adults are free to make the choices that will affect their lives, whether they be good or bad, responsible or irresponsible. Our parents don't have to worry about our grandparents getting a

call when they screw up, so why should we?

And who says our parents want to be called anyway? Some parents have given their children the opportunity to grow up, live their own lives and learn from the mistakes they make on the way.

Another problem with the new policy is that it is loosely written as to when and why a student's parents will be called. There needs to be a specific pre-determined point which has been set as health threatening.

Students who violated the University's alcohol policies are required to attend After Hours, a 4-hour class where they are bombarded with pamphlets, videos and other information which show the negative side effects of alcohol. Our question is, why isn't this enough?

If the University does feel this policy is essential to maintaining the health and safety of its students, we suggest that the policy have stricter guidelines stating exactly what warrants a call to parents instead of leaving it up to the discretion of any one person or group of persons.

Admirable intentions do not always make for good policy.

MY TURN

Mutual commitments won't retain freshmen

University should reconsider purpose of Advantage Week

"Hold my hand and walk me through it." I imagine this is the thought of every freshman on our campus.

It's almost like these kids can't do anything on their own. Advantage Week? Ha! Let's not forget we are talking about 18-year-old students here and I think we could save a buck or two by letting them find their own way around our tiny campus and town.

I know of freshman in high school who have to navigate their way through campuses almost as large as ours and you don't see them being led by "peer advisers."

Now I don't want to upset any freshmen

because, God knows, it's not your fault. In fact, I feel sorry for you, it's bad enough you are plagued with being the youngsters at Northwest but now it's being stamped on your forehead in big green letters as you walk like little ducklings behind your yellow-shirted friends.

But don't worry kiddos, we don't have a spirit week so there won't be any air raids, toilet bowls, singing to seniors or any other type of hazing in your future unless of course you decide to go Greek.

One thing I would really like some input from freshmen about is the Convocation. I never went, but holy cow — the school bailed it up like you guys are being baptized or something.

What surprises me is how useless the whole thing sounds. Yeah right, you commit to the school, and the school commits to you. It's like that's going to stop 50 percent of you from

dropping out following your first semester of school or something. But hey, I'm sure you feel important, don't you? Well, let's see how important you feel after the University hikes your tuition above the amount you can afford and essentially gives you the boot.

But the same goes for the University. Do you big wigs really think the students are committing to you? It's almost as bad an idea as the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education

Program.

Thousands of children go through D.A.R.E. each year and what happens? They continue to use drugs.

I don't think forcing children to go through D.A.R.E. is a proper way to educate them, and I don't think forcing freshmen college students to participate in Advantage Week will keep them in school either.

If you couldn't tell, I don't think Advantage Week is all it's hyped up to be.

I mean, was there something wrong with the way college students turned out before the University created this week of special

treatment? I know of a lot of people who didn't go through this initiation process and they all seem to be doing all right with their studies.

I figure it this way: If students have the motivation and drive to acquire a college education, they will stay. Believe it or not, a lot of them probably do. If they don't, they will crawl back to mom and fulfill their dreams of being a manager at McDonald's.

Either way, this "Advantage" is not going to make the difference, so I think the University should redirect its focus to something worthwhile.

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MY VIEW

Missourian changes from inside out

Staff adopts mission, system of serving residents, campus

The Northwest Missourian has changed.

Of course there are the new color photographs and the reader-friendly re-design, but there is a deeper change. One that affects everyone who works on the paper and everyone who reads and advertises in it.

We have a mission. Ours is a common goal the staff has established to serve our readers better.

The Missourian was established as a service to readers. We are here to shed light in dark corners, act as a watchdog for the community, be a source of entertainment and provide a learning environment.

However, the most important classroom exercise is not in a textbook, it is learning to put the readers' and subscribers' needs first.

Our mission statement makes a commitment to the community. Our commitment is to be "an independent learning environment providing the best source of information

and advertising for our community."

We will concentrate on covering more area personalities, being a system of checks and balances on the community and being the most professional, credible source of information.

This mission statement establishes a clear forthright purpose for the paper. It lays out, in detail, what is expected of the staff and what readers can expect from us.

However, a mission statement is just part of the commitment. The other part comes from you. We need to know what you think, what you are curious about, what you want to see and ideas you have.

The Missourian has a long standing tradition of excellence, much like the community and campus we serve. We plan to build on that strong foundation.

If you have a beef, questions or just want to sit in on one of our meetings, please call. We can be reached at 562-1224 or NorthwestMissourian@hotmail.com.

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JACOB DIPIETRE



"Being close to the other eighth grade teachers. I will miss seeing Mr. Nowland standing at the top of the stairs between classes, watching and visiting with the students and faculty."

Susan Martin
Eighth grade science teacher



"It smells good and the lockers are bigger."

James Angerer
Eighth grade



"The air conditioning and interacting with the seventh grade."

Elizabeth Baker
Eighth grade



"Having only taught in the district one year, the most exciting aspect of the new building is seeing how excited the experienced teachers are to be teaching in a nice building. I miss the auditorium."

Regina Swoford,
vocal music teacher



"The new school is more spread out and the rooms are bigger."

Vincent Wiederholt
Eighth grade



"Bigger classrooms and seeing all the grades together."

Abby Walter
Eighth grade

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Shirley Miller,
Maryville resident

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News

Plans to renovate reach beyond Union

MARY LINN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Mary Linn Performing Arts Center is being considered for renovations and additions in order to update the building and provide space for classrooms and faculty offices of the theater department. The project is estimated to cost \$13.9 million which will be requested by the University to be allocated from the state's budget.

SOUTH COMPLEX

Upon completion of South Complex, students will be able to reside in either pod-style rooms or apartment-style living quarters. The building is expected to be complete in January.

THE UNION

The first floor of the Student Union is almost 100 percent complete leaving only Smoothies, Freshens, the candy store and minor kitchen completions left. The rest of the Union is scheduled to be complete in June of 2000. Currently half of the second floor, which will be used for faculty, staff and student organization offices, is being completed. Following that step the second half of the second floor and the third floor will be completed. The project is expected to cost the University \$13.5 million which was funded with revenue bonds.

RICKENBRODE STADIUM

Following the Bearcat's national victory the school decided to renovate Rickenbrode Stadium. Phase one of the renovations include the east side grandstands and south end fence which are expected to cost \$3 million. The construction will begin in January and should be complete by the first game of the following season.

The second phase includes the west side grandstands and press box which are estimated to cost about \$5 million. This portion of construction will begin in 2001 and should be complete by the first game of the following season.

Funding for the projects is being collected from a campaign to raise private funds.

FINE ARTS

The Fine Arts Building is awaiting renovations pending the recommendation, approval and funding of \$16.2 million from the state. The building is being renovated to correct both structural and cosmetic problems, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services.

"Anyone who spends any time in the building, for any long period of time, notices a lot of noise and smells from the basement," Courter said.

The building is also a possible threat because of the location of the electrical art supplies which include kilns and welders.

"If there were a flash fire it could engulf that whole building, but chances are that won't happen," Courter said.

Garrett-Strong

Renovations to Garrett-Strong are expected to begin in January and end in early 2002. The renovations are estimated to cost the University about \$15.3 million dollars which will be funded by the state.

Jason Myers/Chirf Photograph

The lunch hour started later for some Northwest students at 1 p.m. Monday. The Student Union renovations have improved traffic flow at busy times of the day and have given students a centralized location to dine.

The University will receive a facelift early in the new millennium, in order to solve both structural and cosmetic problems. This map displays the facilities that will receive attention and also has a brief description and explanation of the renovations at hand. Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services, said it is important that students understand the goal of the University and that in the end, the renovations will benefit everyone involved.

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News

Odor in the courthouse

Smell in attic of County Courthouse acquires attention from safety and health officials

By **BLAKE DREHLE**
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The commissioners of the Nodaway County Courthouse hired representatives from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health last Thursday after hearing complaints of an unusual smell from employees on the second floor.

The cause of the smell was first believed to be associated with bird infiltration in the upper attic of the Courthouse, but after further inspection, the focus turned to another problem.

"The purpose of this evaluation was to essentially conduct an environmental study to find out what was causing the smell that was bothering employees," Max Kiefer, supervisory industrial hygienist for NIOSH, based in Atlanta, Ga., said. "We found no sign of fresh nesting birds which could have been the source of this problem."

Kiefer said the health hazard problems stemmed from the fact that the Courthouse attic had not been thoroughly kept up.

Kiefer found problems with the air-conditioning ducts in the Courthouse and moisture and water leakage on the ceiling.

He said the lack of fresh air being brought into the attic area

was one of the causes of the smell.

"The moisture damage in the attic had changed the color of the ceiling and was due to the air-conditioning unit because of the age of the unit," he said.

The main concerns employees may face with these health hazards could be headaches, allergic reactions and sinus problems Kiefer said.

Even with the problems associated with the top floor, Kiefer said this was very typical of many older buildings around the country because maintenance may get over looked.

Larry Dougan, south district commissioner of Nodaway County, said the Courthouse will take what the representative said very seriously in trying to fix the problems.

"We were relieved in a way that the hazards were not from the droppings because that is a very serious and life threatening situation," Dougan said.

The steps Kiefer suggested taking to cure these problems included installing a system to bring in outside air throughout the year in agreement with federal recommendations; replacing areas damaged by prior moisture infiltrations; blocking areas in the Courthouse which are allowing birds to enter the tower and attic, repair or replacement of the roof; and routing water in the air-conditioning system above the second floor, so it drains away properly.

Turkish quake affects students

International students deal with fear of losing loved ones in natural disaster; look to future of country, economy

By **JOSH FLAHARTY**
NEWS EDITOR

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake leveled more than 100,000 buildings in Northwestern Turkey on Aug. 17.

With more than 12,000 people confirmed dead, some Turkish students at Northwest have had to deal with the worry and fear that come from not knowing whether or not their families and friends at home are still alive.

Korhan Altindirek, a post-graduate student from Ankara, Turkey, went through that situation after hearing about the earthquake. Since Ankara is the capital city, Altindirek said the buildings are better quality than in most cities in the region.

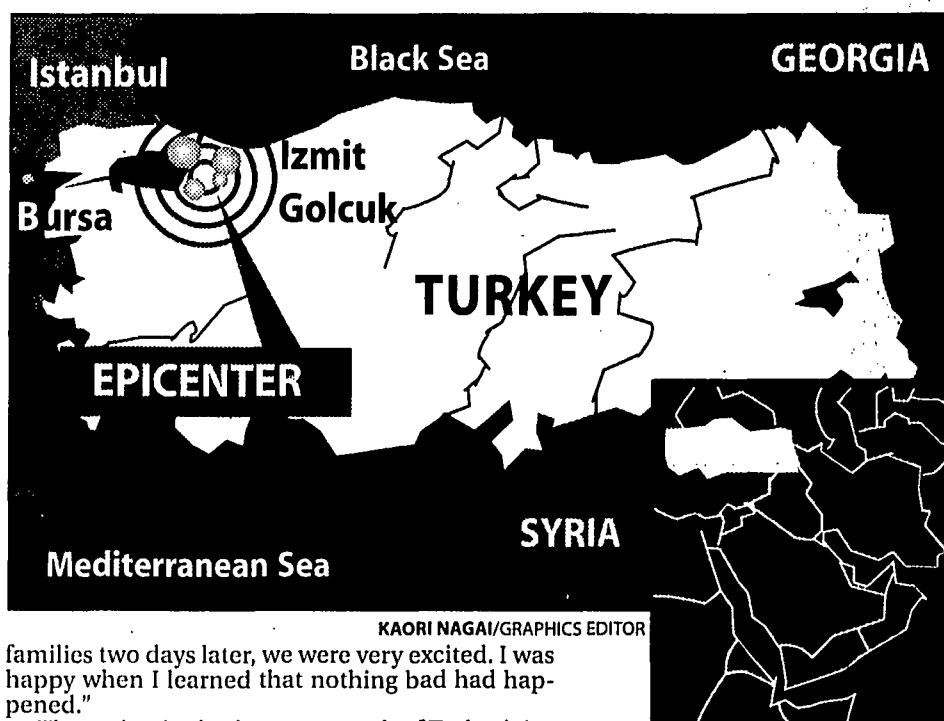
"I worried about my family and my girlfriend," he said. "When I finally reached them I felt very good."

However, there is fear that aftershocks will cause buildings that are still standing to collapse.

"Everyone is depressed," Altindirek said. "People are sleeping outside, not in their apartments."

Melik Ercanli, a computer science major from Istanbul, Turkey, also was afraid of losing family.

"I heard about the earthquake from a friend," Ercanli said. "We were shocked and we tried to call our parents in Turkey. When we finally reached our



KAORI NAGAI/GRAPHICS EDITOR

families two days later, we were very excited. I was happy when I learned that nothing bad had happened."

The region is also home to much of Turkey's industrial production. Altindirek said he fears the state of the economy now.

"Before the earthquake, the economy was not so good, but now I worry about it," he said.

History uncovered at Maryville library

Workers find artifacts as construction continues on building addition near downtown area

By **JOSH FLAHARTY**
NEWS EDITOR

Artifacts from Maryville's history were recently uncovered at the Maryville Public Library expansion work site.

The workers on the project discovered paving designed to give horses' hooves better traction and two partial grave-stones.

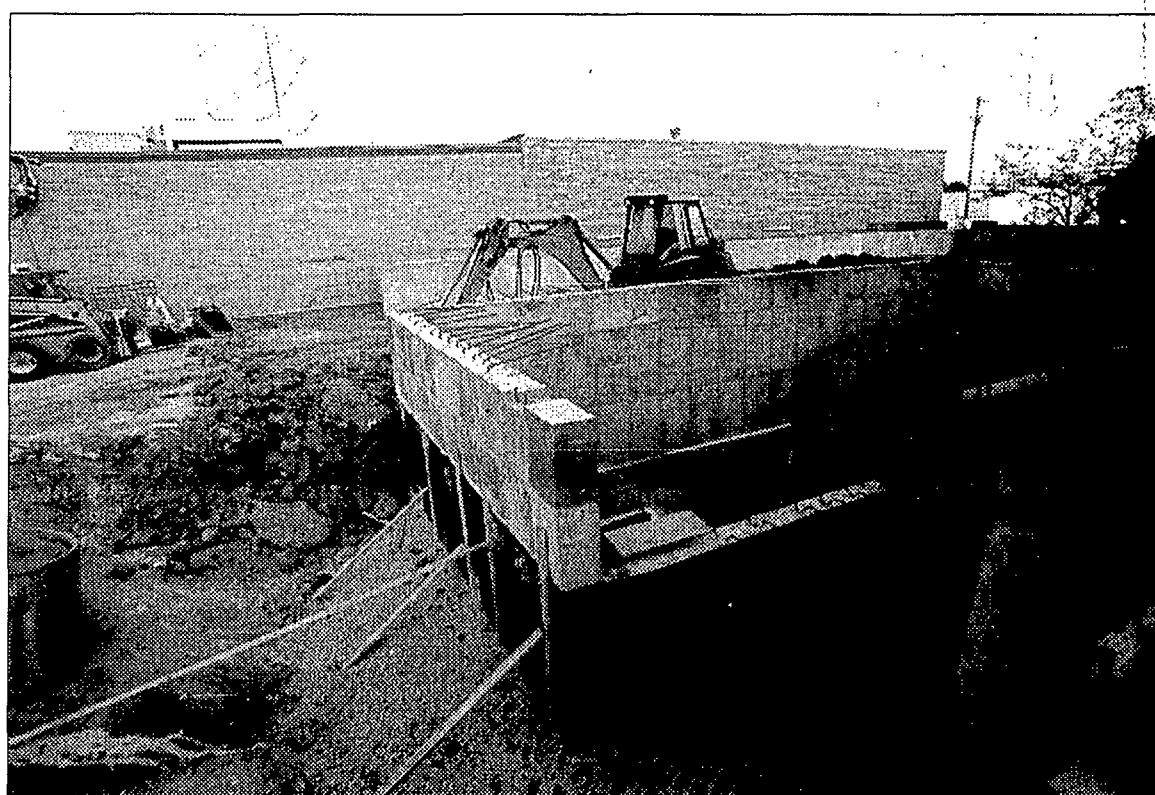
Upon investigation, it was discovered that the land which the library now sits on was once home to a lively stable and monument and gravestone engraving shop.

The library is in the midst of constructing a 5,300-square foot addition on the east side of the building.

Library director Diane Houston said the library has raised about \$490,000 for the project. Construction is being done by Brooner and Associates contractors from St. Joseph. Houston said there is no set schedule for the project.

"We feel that everything is progressing as it should," she said.

She said work is being done



JOHN PETROVIC/ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

The new expansion to the library will have most of the books in it as well as the circulation desk and a bank of computers. The library has raised about \$490,000 for the project and is progressing as planned.

on a new staircase in the existing building, and footings and an elevator pit and basement floor have been built for the addition.

The addition will house the bulk of the library's book collection as well as the circulation desk, young adults section and a bank of computers.

The existing building will hold the children's section, leisure reading areas, a few private study areas and a new conference room.

Bearcats to be aired on three area stations

By **BURTON TAYLOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

Beginning with this year's football season, all of northern Missouri will be able to tune into Bearcat coverage.

The Bearcat Broadcasting Network, operated by Northwest's KXCV/KRNW radio station, will be covering the Bearcat football games in order to widen the scope of coverage and increase publicity for the team, said Ken White, vice president of public relations and marketing.

KXCV/KRNW News Director John Coffey, who recently joined Northwest's faculty after leaving

KNIM, said this wide area of coverage will be a benefit for the stations, listeners and students who are given the chance to learn broadcasting techniques.

"All of north Missouri is covered now instead of just northwest Missouri," he said. "It is really a win-win situation for everyone involved."

The games will also be broadcasted like they have been in the past on KNIM radio in Maryville.

In addition, KXCV/KRNW will be broadcasting the games on broadcast.com to reach interested listeners and alumni around the world.

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Announcements

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sunday, Aug. 21

■ While responding to a complaint in the 800 block of South Fillmore, an officer observed a female subject in possession of alcoholic beverages. She was identified as Shanin M. Kelley, 20, Fawcett, and was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer observed a vehicle in the 1800 block of South Main Street cross the centerline. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Russell L. Young, 27, Independence. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after failing to successfully perform field sobriety tests. He became argumentative and did not follow the directions of the arresting officer, refusing a breathalyzer test. During the arrest procedure the officer observed an open alcohol container, drug paraphernalia and marijuana. He was issued citations for driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, failure to comply with an officer and possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, paraphernalia and transporting or possession of an open container.

■ An officer responded to the 1100 block of South Main Street on a complaint of a vehicle striking another vehicle in front of him. Both vehicles were at a drive-through window at a local business. Upon arrival contact was made with the driver and he was identified as Nicholas J. Poptanyez, 21, Maryville. After failing a

series of field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol tested over the legal limit he was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Maryville male reported that his vehicle was missing from the 100 block of West Fifth Street, where it had been parked. After getting vehicle information and following investigation, it was discovered that the vehicle was being driven by Nicholas J. Poptanyez, 21, Maryville, who had been arrested earlier for driving while intoxicated. After it was determined he did not have permission to operate the vehicle, he was arrested for tampering with a motor vehicle and was detained for bond.

■ While in the 400 block of West Seventh Street, an officer observed some individuals, one of which was carrying what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. When the officer attempted to make contact with them, the subject with the container continued on and sat the container down. The subject was identified as Brian A. Davis, 18, Blue Springs, and was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol and littering.

■ Two officers took a report from a male who said he had been assaulted by another male subject. Following an investigation, a summons for assault was issued to David K. Mackey, 17, Maryville.

■ Raeyndeah C. Parkhurst, Maitland, Iowa, backed his vehicle into a fuel pump at the Casey's General Store parking lot because of congestion. No citations were issued.

■ On U.S. Highway 136 east of Katydid Road, Jared S. Smith, Billings, Mont., stopped in traffic. Doris E. Martin swerved to avoid hitting another vehicle and struck the rear of Smith's vehicle. No citations were issued.

■ A vehicle struck Rudy A. Pargas's vehicle and left the scene while it was parked on the 400 block of East Sixth Street. No citations were issued.

Monday, Aug. 22

■ An officer took a report from a Maryville female who stated she had been assaulted by two other females. The case was referred to the juvenile officer.

■ A fire unit responded to the 300 block of North Market Street on a complaint of a suspicious smell. Upon investigation, nothing was found and the owner was advised to contact an electrician.

■ A Maryville male reported to an officer that while in the 200 block of West Fifth Street, he had been assaulted by another male.

■ Officers were in the 1100 block of North College Drive when they observed three individuals holding what appeared to be alcoholic beverages.

Contact was made with the individuals and it was determined they were in possession of alcoholic beverages. Summons for minor in possession were issued to the following: Travis J. Hayes, 18, Tessa R. Drebes, 20, and Elizabeth R. Rice, 19, all of Maryville.

■ An officer issued a summons for minor in possession and littering to Ryan C. Wright, 19, Parkville, after he observed him in the 400 block of West Fourth Street with an alcoholic beverage. When Wright observed the officer he dropped the container on the ground.

■ Officers responded to a complaint of a loud party in the 500 block of West Fourth Street. Upon arrival, the officer observed two subjects holding plastic cups. It was determined the cups contained alcohol and after both subjects were found to be under the age of 21, summons for minor in possession were issued to Jonathan E. Dothage, 18, and Justin P. McAleer both of Maryville. The occupant of the residence, Clark K. Giboney, 22, was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance and the party was shut down.

■ Officers were in the 300 block of South Main Street when they observed two subjects holding cans. They were identified as Martin D.

Vogel, 17, Albion, Neb., and Michele L. Derks, 20, Maryville. After determining the cans contained alcohol, summons for minor in possession were issued. The officer later observed Seth D. Elliott, 20, Maryville, in possession of alcohol. He was also issued a summons.

■ While responding to a complaint in the 500 block of West Fifth Street, officers observed a male subject with a bottle in his possession. When he observed the officers, he placed the bottle on a step. He was identified as Joshua S. Dickerson, 19, Maryville. After it was determined the bottle contained alcohol, he was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ Angela K. Cook, Blue Springs, failed to stop at a stop sign and proceeded into the intersection at Sixth and Mulberry streets. She was struck by Daniel R. Luellen, Bethany, northbound on North Mulberry Street. Cook was issued a citation for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Tuesday, Aug. 23

■ A fanny pack was found in the 300 block of North Main Street.

■ An officer issued a summons for minor in possession to John P. Mather, 18, Devin G. Matheny, 18, and Eric M. Hodges, 18, all of

Maryville, after he observed them in possession of alcoholic beverages in the 1100 block of North College Drive.

■ A Maryville male reported to an officer that the roof overhang of his garage had been damaged.

■ Helen R. Johnson, Maryville, was moving east on Sixth Street, and stated she had a green light. Nekoma L. Hendrix, Maryville, said she started turning onto Main Street and the light was still yellow for the turning lane. Johnson struck Hendrix. No citations were issued.

■ Heather W. Robertson, Maryville, was making a turn onto Ray Avenue and crossed the centerline, striking Chadwick W. Leonard, Ankeny, Iowa, northbound on College Avenue. Robertson was issued a citation for failure to exercise a highest degree of care.

■ Neil R. Constant, Troy W. Shipley, Trina Dunn and James L. Opple Jr. were traveling on the 200 block of South Main Street. Opple stopped in traffic; Dunn and Shipley stopped behind him. Constant struck Shipley from behind, causing him to strike Dunn; Dunn struck Opple. A citation was issued to Constant for failure to follow carefully behind another vehicle.



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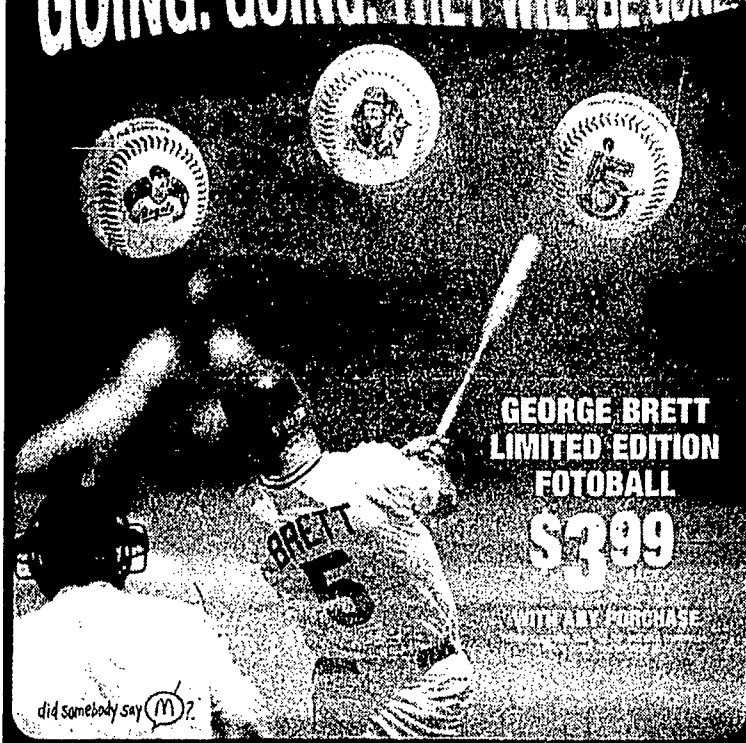
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Business & Technology

Local pizzerias accepting Aladine

By LISA HUSE
COPY EDITOR

A new contract with campus dining company ARAMARK and two Maryville restaurants will increase dining options for on and off-campus students and increase interaction between community businesses and the University.

The contract allows students to have pizza delivered from Domino's Pizza and Pizza Hut, and pay for it by using Aladine money via their Bearcat Identification Cards.

The University began looking into creating such a plan as food service renovations in the Union neared completion. Although Itza Pizza will still serve pizza in the food court, the new design does not provide Itza with enough room to efficiently run a pizza delivery business, Campus Dining Director Barry Beacom said.

Campus Dining looked to Domino's, Pizza Hut and Pagliai's to fill the pizza delivery void.

Although Pagliai's declined the offer because of its own renovations, Domino's and Pizza Hut began making arrangements to begin delivering Aug. 20.

Domino's and Pizza Hut had to bring in special equipment to print statements for each Aladine order. Entry access terminals were also brought in to both restaurants to access student Aladine accounts.

Both restaurants hired additional staff and added additional phone lines and computer work stations to make the delivery process as fast as possible for customers.

"Typical phone time should be less than one minute if things work out right," said Christian Hornbaker, public relations director for Maryville Domino's Pizza.

Senior Jackie Burrows took advantage of the new Aladine opportunity and had Pizza Hut deliver to her residence hall room Aug. 22. She said the process seemed to run more efficiently than when she had ordered from Itza in the past.

"(Pizza Hut's) delivery time was maybe 30 minutes at the most. Itza used to be like 45 minutes to an hour."

Beacom said he was confident that Domino's and Pizza Hut could efficiently serve the students' and faculty's pizza delivery needs.

"I think between the two of them they will deliver more pizza than Itza ever did," Beacom said.

He also said campus dining would survey students and use secret shoppers to get feedback.

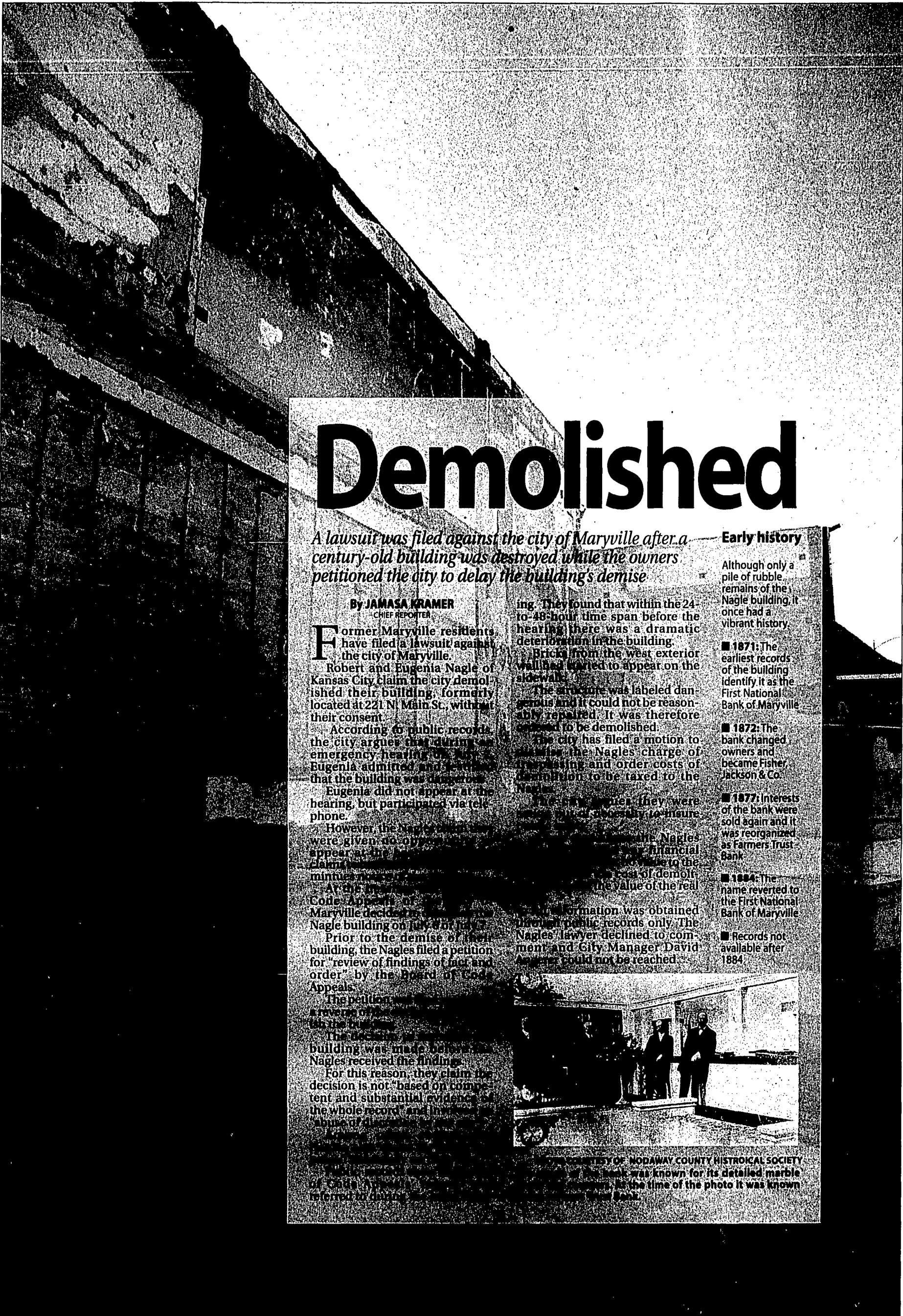
"We'll be checking to see if quality and price is everything the way it should be," Beacom said.

As Domino's made renovations to accommodate the new Aladine contract, the business has also been preparing to launch a new image in the next two weeks, Hornbaker said. Changes will include a new logo, and a new storefront.

"Basically it's going to be totally unrecognizable from what people saw before they left for summer vacation," he said.

Hornbaker also said Domino's was looking into software to be able to offer online ordering capabilities sometime after Homecoming.

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Aladine offers Northwest students and faculty three options for ordering pizza		
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Demolished

A lawsuit was filed against the city of Maryville after a century-old building was destroyed while the owners petitioned the city to delay the building's demise

By JAMASA KRAMER
CHIEF REPORTER

Former Maryville residents have filed a lawsuit against the city of Maryville. Robert and Eugenia Nagle of Kansas City claim the city demolished their building, formerly located at 221 N. Main St., without their consent.

According to public records, the city argues that during an emergency hearing, Robert and Eugenia Nagle admitted and testified that the building was dangerous and should be demolished.

Eugenia did not appear at the hearing, but participated via telephone.

However, the Nagles claim they were given no opportunity to appear at the hearing and that the city's decision to demolish the building was based on incomplete information.

At the time of the Code Appeal, the city of Maryville decided to demolish the Nagle building on July 10, 1999. Prior to the demise of the building, the Nagles filed a petition for "review of findings of fact and order" by the Board of Code Appeals.

The petition was denied, and the city proceeded with the demolition. The Nagles claim that the city's decision was based on incomplete information and that they were not given a fair hearing.

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Early history

Although only a pile of rubble remains of the Nagle building, it once had a vibrant history.

- 1871: The earliest records of the building identify it as the First National Bank of Maryville.
- 1872: The bank changed owners and became Fisher, Jackson & Co.
- 1877: Interests of the bank were sold again and it was reorganized as Farmers Trust Bank.
- 1884: The name reverted to the First National Bank of Maryville.
- Records not available after 1884.

Information was obtained through public records only. The Nagles' lawyer declined to comment, and City Manager David Angerer could not be reached.

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The bank was known for its detailed marble work. At the time of the photo it was known as the Farmers Trust Bank.

Kawasaki continues expansion plans

By Josh Flaherty
NEWS EDITOR

Kawasaki Motors Corp., USA, on Business Highway 71 is once again involved in a major expansion of its manufacturing plant.

The current 90,000-square foot expansion to the north side of the facility will be used to expand production capabilities, according to Plant Manager Doug Sutton. He estimates \$10 million has already been invested in the project.

The plant manufactures engines for Kawasaki all-terrain vehicles, which are sold exclusively to a sister plant in Lincoln, Neb. Engines for lawn and garden equipment are also built for sale to other companies.

Sutton said the expansion was necessary because the U.S. economy is doing well and sales of ATVs have shown a sudden growth.

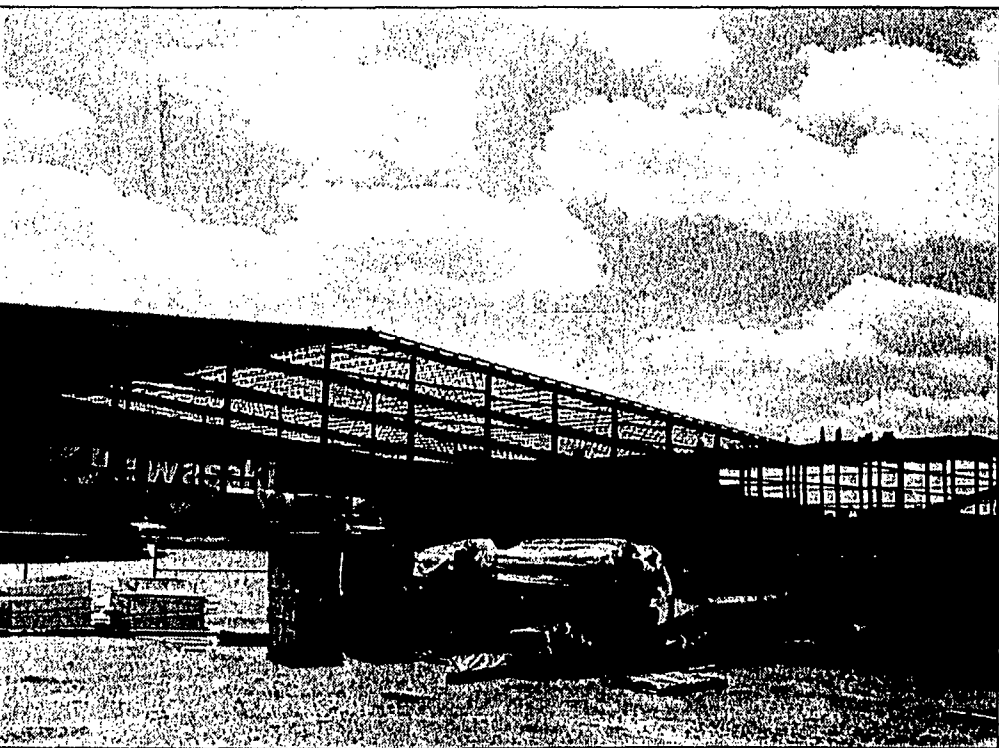
According to Takehiko Saeki, president and chairman of Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing in the United States, the Maryville Plant sold more than \$130 million of products during 1998.

Sutton said studies indicate a continue in industry growth over the next few years and the expansion project will help the plant fulfill the demand.

The new expansion will add jobs to the local economy as well. Sutton said efforts are underway to bring in an additional 120 full-time employees throughout the year, bringing the total number of people employed at the plant to more than 700, including some seasonal help.

According to City Manager Dave Angerer, the Kawasaki plant has been beneficial for the economy. "It's a big payroll for our community," Angerer said.

"It's a very important part of why Maryville has such a low unemployment rate."



This is Kawasaki's fifth expansion in the 10-year history of the plant. Plant Manager Doug Sutton said plans are also being made for a 100,000-square foot expansion to the east side of the facility. "We hope to double our capacity within the next couple of years," he said. The building now occupies 440,000-square feet of the 113.7 acres of land it sits on.

Movie, dinner theater to open in October

By LISA HUSE
COPY EDITOR

Maryville residents will soon be able to enjoy digital sound and stadium seating when Countryside Cinema opens The Hangar, a "one stop entertainment center," in early October.

The Hangar will be located at 1602 South Main St. The five-plex theater is named after its structural design which looks similar to an airplane hanger. Four of the five theaters will feature digital sound and stadium seating. Cathy Jones, Vice President of Operations, said the seats will feature a modified high back, cupholder and armrest.

"These cozy seats are articulately in each row of stadium style risers to give everyone the best seat in the house," Jones said.

The remaining theater, a dinner theater, will offer restaurant service and a variety of viewing options from showing feature films to airing local and national sports events.

"The dinner theater capabilities are numerous and can be used for as creative of an event as you like," Jones said. "The theater will not be

able to accommodate theatrical live performances; however, the facility will accommodate small bands, musical groups or speakers."

The Hangar will also offer a restaurant, separate from the dinner theater, and an arcade. Countryside Cinema hopes to offer The Hangar's features to local consumers at competitive prices.

"Our pricing will offer the patron the best in acoustics along with the pleasure of big-screen viewing," Jones said. "In addition, the convenience of the restaurant and dinner theater will enhance the patron's recreation — all at a competitive price."

In preparation for the opening, The Hangar is looking to fill about 20-30 part-time and 3-4 full-time positions. The company will put an emphasis on hiring high school and college students, Jones said.

"Our focus is to make The Hangar the coolest place in town to work," Jones said.

Those interested in applying for a position or in learning more about the theater can visit The Hangar's website at www.hangar1.com.

Feature



Freshman Jessica O'Hara, gets help from her younger sister Jena Rasmussen, 4, as she retrieves the last items from her parent's minivan while moving in to Hudson Hall on Wednesday. O'Hara, from Harlan, Iowa, is an undecided major.

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Special services teacher Wendy Miller empties boxes with the help of eighth grade student Kylee Smith. Teachers did some

last minute arranging before the opening of the new Maryville Middle School on Monday.

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Bob Blocker and Charles Card work together to build a loft for their freshmen sons, Rob and Josh. The men drove 22 hours to move their sons from Binghamton, N.Y. Josh decided to attend Northwest after winning a music scholarship. Both Josh and Rob are music education majors and plan to participate in the Northwest Celebration show choir. "Compared to New York, it's (Maryville) the friendliest town I've ever been in," Josh said.

Students socialize in the halls of the recently opened Maryville Middle School on Monday morning before their first day of school. According to some of the students, the best features of the new school are the bigger lockers, bigger classrooms and air conditioning.

While the temperatures climbed into the 90s, freshmen and their parents were climbing the stairs of residence halls. Across town, the teachers of Maryville R-II Middle School were unpacking boxes in preparation for the first day of school. In new places, they were both

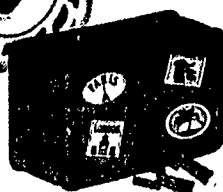
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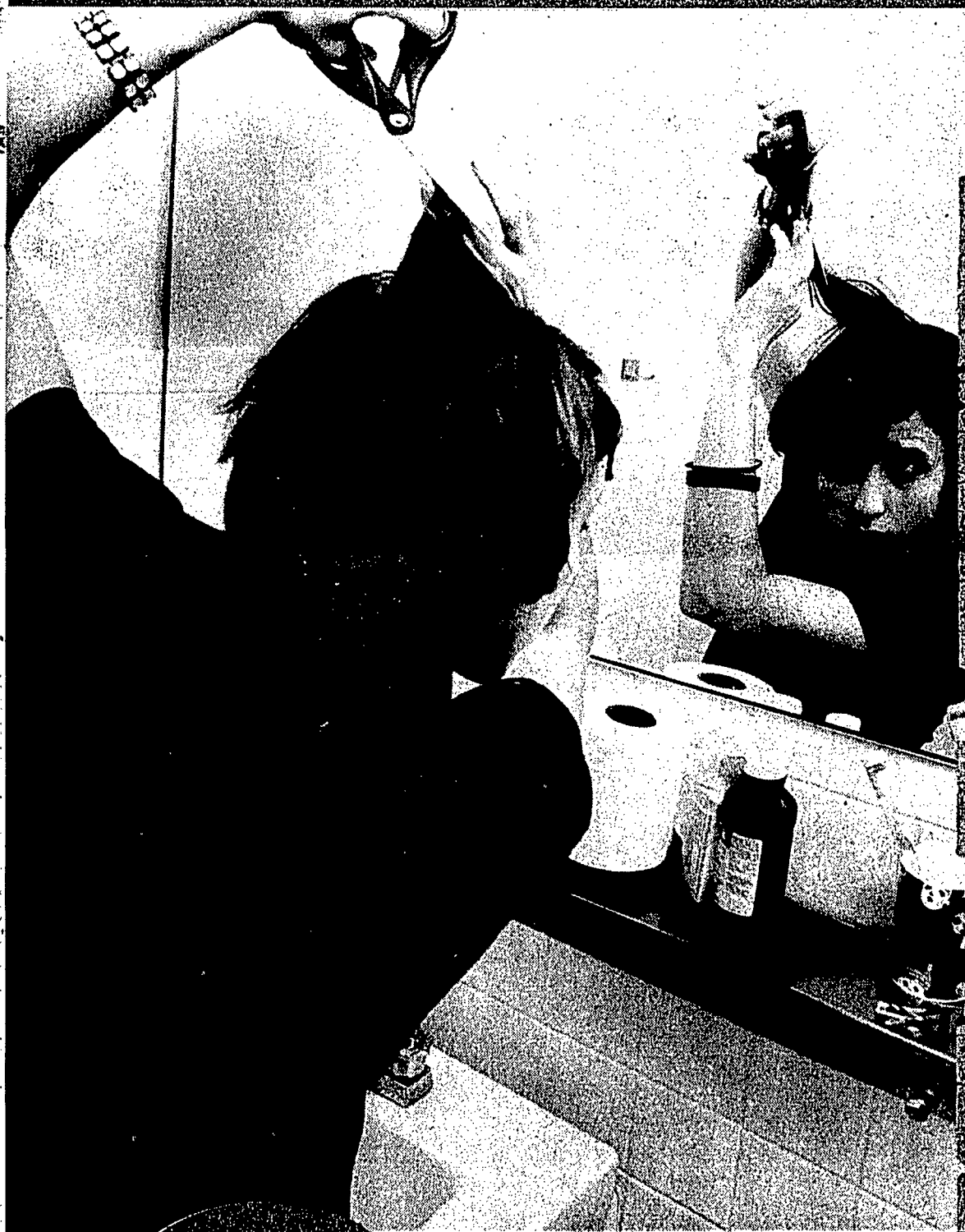
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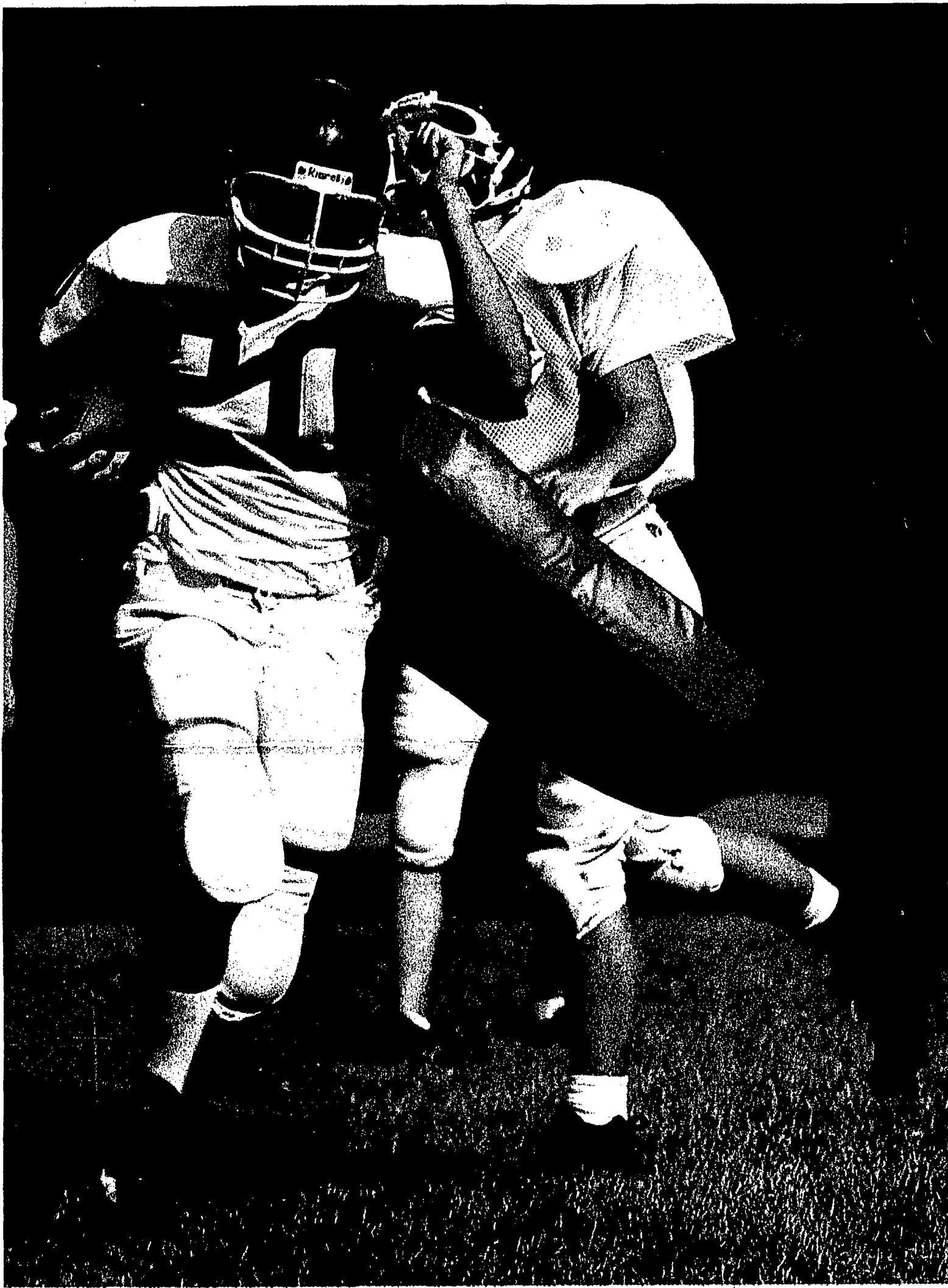
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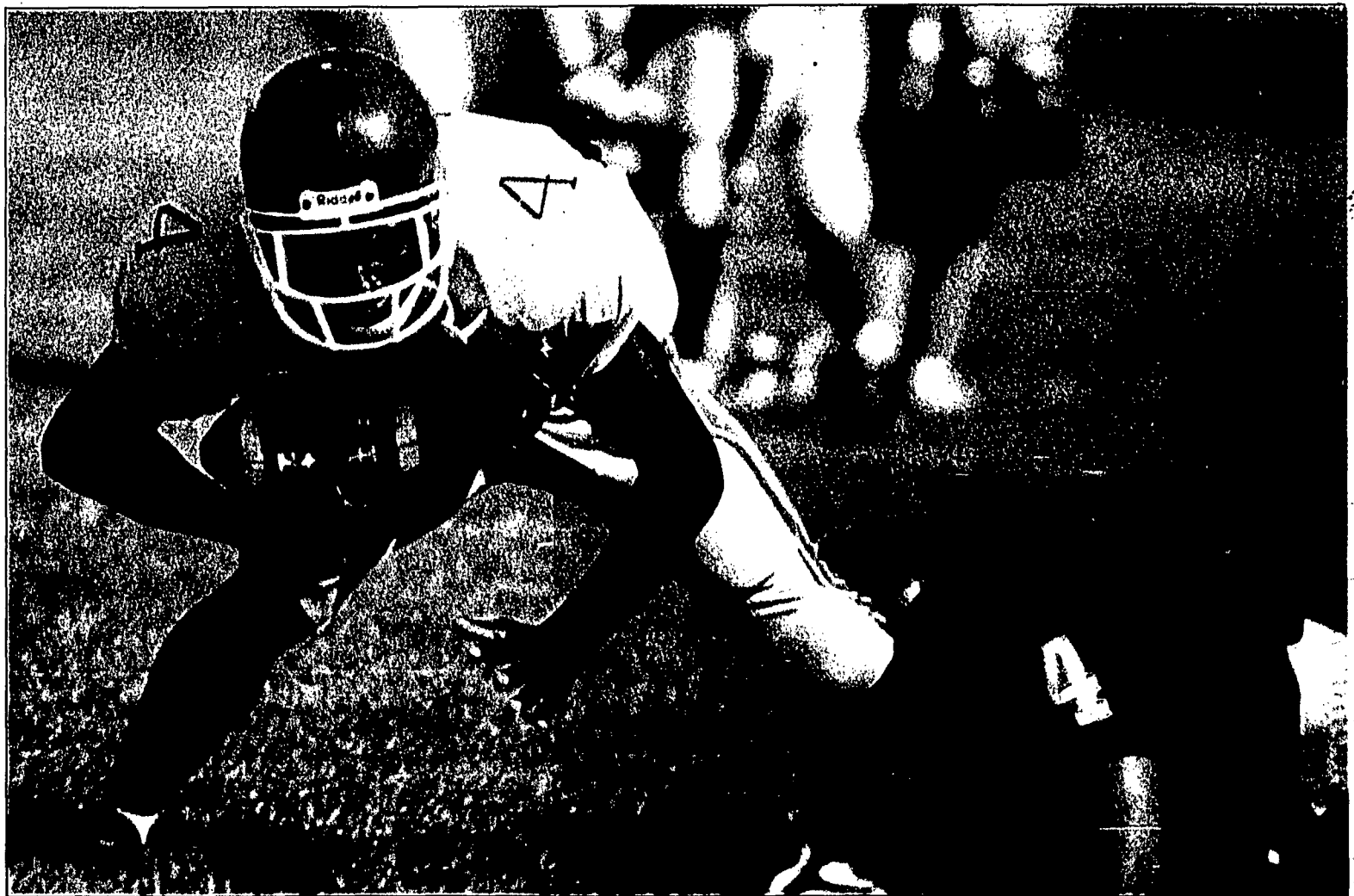
WITH NEW PLAYERS TO LEAD
THEM, THE SPOOFHOUNDS AND
THE BEARCATS WILL SOON SUIT UP
AGAIN AND BEGIN THEIR TITLE
DEFENSES.

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Spoofhound Jason Cracraft makes his way through the gauntlet at practice on Tuesday afternoon. The Spoofhounds, who are the defending Midland Conference Champions, begin defending their title next Friday at home against Smithville.

Junior wide receiver Tony Miles dips down and shakes the tackle of his teammate outside line backer Joe Quinlin in a scrimmage last Wednesday, August 19th. Miles tore up the MIAA in 1998 leading in touchdowns with 11, and earning first team All-MIAA offensive honors. The 'Cats open the 1999 season at home against the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys.

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Bearcats look to establish new identity



FRESHMAN QUARTERBACK J. MANDL, OUT OF ROCKHURST HIGH SCHOOL, PULLS AWAY FROM FELLOW FRESHMAN DEFENSIVE END JUSTIN LACEY AND ALMOST LOSES HIS JERSEY IN THE PROCESS. MANDL AND JOHN MCMENAMIN ARE BOTH FRESHMEN QUARTERBACKS FIGHTING FOR A POSITION ON THE BEARCATS' ROSTER.

MIKE RANDELL
PHOTOGRAPHY
EDITOR

By MARK HORNICKEL
MANAGING EDITOR

They've been there, done that. Now the goal for the 1999 Bearcats is to repeat the feat.

The 'Cats will kick off their national championship defense Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium against the Arkansas Tech University Wonder Boys.

However, as this year's squad prepares to take the field, all of the memories from last season have been boxed up and put away.

Gone are captains Chris Greisen, Steve Coppinger, Aaron Crowe and Brian Sutton. Gone is running back Derek Lane. Gone is cornerback Twan Young.

"We want to be known as the 1999 team," sophomore center Joe Glab said. "We want our own look and take care of business. There were a lot of guys that contributed last year, but didn't get to play all the time. We watched it, and now it's our turn to win it."

The Bearcats had two full weeks of fall camp prior to beginning their regular practices and head coach Mel Tjeerdsma is very pleased with the shape the players are in.

"Every year is different, but these guys tested out better than anybody else," Tjeerdsma said. "That's a great sign."

However, the 'Cats took a blow on the second day of practice. Senior All-America defensive tackle Aaron Becker tore his anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during a practice drill. He is scheduled to have reconstructive surgery in two weeks and will be out for the season.

Yet, Tjeerdsma said he feels good about the talent on defense including sophomore defensive tackle Brian Schertz, junior outside linebacker Wes Simmons, junior inside linebacker Brian Williams, senior linebacker Greg Bonnett, senior cornerback Charlie Pugh and senior strong safety David Carlson.

On the offensive side, many fans will be keeping an eye on junior quarterback Travis Miles who takes the starting spot left open by Greisen.

"You don't replace someone like that," Tjeerdsma said. "Travis is going to be a great quarterback. He had an excellent spring, and the fall has been no different. He has a good command, and he understands the offense really well. He's an excellent thrower."

Miles will have an advantage because the 'Cats receiving corps is virtually intact from last season. Eight of the team's top receivers are returning, including junior Tony Miles, who caught 60 passes for 980 yards last season.

Junior David Jansen, who was the second leading rusher last season, will start at running back, while sophomore Dan White, a transfer from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will provide a potent 1-2 punch.

Arkansas Tech finished last season with a record of 5-5 overall and 4-5 in conference action, including a 16-15 victory against rival University of Central Arkansas, ending a 25-year winless drought against the Bears. However Northwest is taking them seriously.

"That means nothing," Glab said. "The Bearcats

went 6-5 three years ago and then we won the championship, so we're preparing for them like any other team. We're taking the same precautions. We'll never underestimate them. We've watched a lot of film and our scouts imitate them in practice."

The two teams' offenses are very similar, Tjeerdsma said, since both teams like to throw the ball. On defense, the Wonder Boys are very aggressive.

Arkansas Tech also has some insight into Northwest's program. Wonderboys head coach Steve Mullins was an assistant coach at Northwest in 1988 and 1989. Arkansas Tech offensive coordinator Greg Riccino was a graduate assistant at Northwest in 1988 and 1989. Also, linebackers coach Julian Brown played for the 'Cats and graduated in 1993.

"He's (Mullins) done a very good job of building the program," Tjeerdsma said. "They're very competitive. They play hard. They're well prepared, and what a better opportunity than to play the defending champs at home and try to beat them."

The Bearcats plan to take the season one game at a time, but the team is aiming for the same results, Tjeerdsma said.

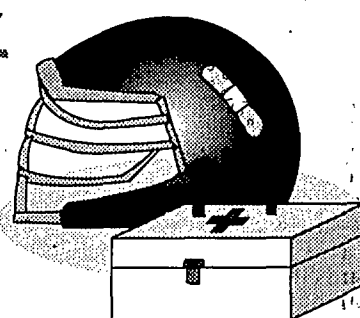
"We want to win the MIAA," he said. "The seniors have already won three in a row and for their class that would be the ultimate. Obviously we want to get back to Alabama, but there's a lot that precedes that."

Northwest claimed No. 1 rankings in both the NCAA Division II poll and the MIAA poll.

"That doesn't mean anything," Tjeerdsma said. "We've never been picked first before, but we're the national champs so we've got pressure on us anyway. We know we're going to get everybody's best shot."

INJURY REPORT

A look at who the Bearcats will be missing this week



•All-America defensive tackle Aaron Becker (Sr., Omaha, Neb.) is out for the season after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. He injured the knee on the second day of practice in a drill. Becker will undergo surgery in two weeks.

•Corner Frank Taylor (So., St. Louis) will miss this week's game and possibly the Nebraska-Omaha contest Sept. 4 with a dislocated big toe on his left foot.

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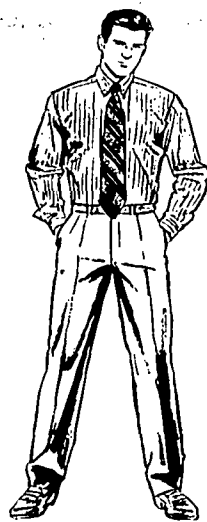
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New fall sports take hold in Maryville

Bearcat women join varsity ranks, MIAA

By WENDY BROKER
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's soccer team, complete with new coach Joann Wolf and a few new players, hopes to make a name for itself in its first year as an MIAA team.

Wolf has high expectations for the team and the its schedule reflects that.

"All our returners have excitement that abounds past limits — they're excited to learn new things, and the sky's the limit for improving our game," Wolf said. "The raise in level of play of our opponents will make them (the Bearcat women) better players."

"You have to play good teams to be seen. We aren't just padding our schedule. We're going right at it to see what we're made of and let these kids know what college soccer is all about. We should be able to go out with anyone on our schedule on any given day, be competitive and beat them, if we play the way we can."

This season the Bearcats will face teams that were ranked in the top 20 nationally last year in Northern Colorado, Metro State University (Colo.) and Truman State University, whom the 'Cats face in their first game of the year at 3 p.m. Wednesday at home.

In practice, the women are working on the basics: defense, being cre-

ative with the ball on offense and making it so they will be able to relax on the field and do the basics without thinking, Wolf said.

The 'Cats will need confidence and concentration on the field when they face the Bulldogs.

"The excitement level is going to be tops having our first game in history (as a varsity team) at home," Wolf said. "But if you look at home or away wins or losses, you are a lot more focused on away games."

"We have to play hard in everything, and always go out to do the best we can. In our minds, we have to go out to win, not just compete or show up for a game on our schedule."

Senior Katy Adams said the season will not be easy, but a welcome challenge.

"We have a tough schedule especially with us being such a young team," Adams said. "But since we are such a young team we have the opportunity to grow as players together. I'm excited though. I know we are not going to win every game and we're not always going to play our best, and we will make mistakes, but we have a lot of new talent. I am so impressed with what we've done so far and what we've put into it. It's going to be a great season."

Boys show experience, set goals for first season

By MARK HORNICKEL
MANAGING EDITOR

Following the approval of women's soccer at Northwest by the Board of Regents, the Maryville R-II school board took the same path and approved boys soccer in the spring of 1998.

This fall, the Maryville boys soccer team will make its debut — an experience which the team's coach and players are excited about.

"It's definitely historic," coach Travis Rasmussen said. "The thing is we're going to set the trend. We got nowhere else to go but up. And if we possibly go to the state tournament this year — I always say we're going to win it because that's the only way to look at it, but we should do really good."

Thirty-three athletes are forming the team. Although a majority of the players are freshmen and sophomores, Rasmussen is confident their experience will show.

"There are a lot of freshman and sophomores out who have been playing together in the St. Joseph soccer leagues," Rasmussen said. "And the seniors take care of business pretty well. They get it done."

The team said it is aiming to win at least half of their games this season,

while playing limited teams from the Midland Empire Conference, including Smithville, Lafayette, Benton and Central. The 'Hounds will also be competing with many Kansas City area teams.

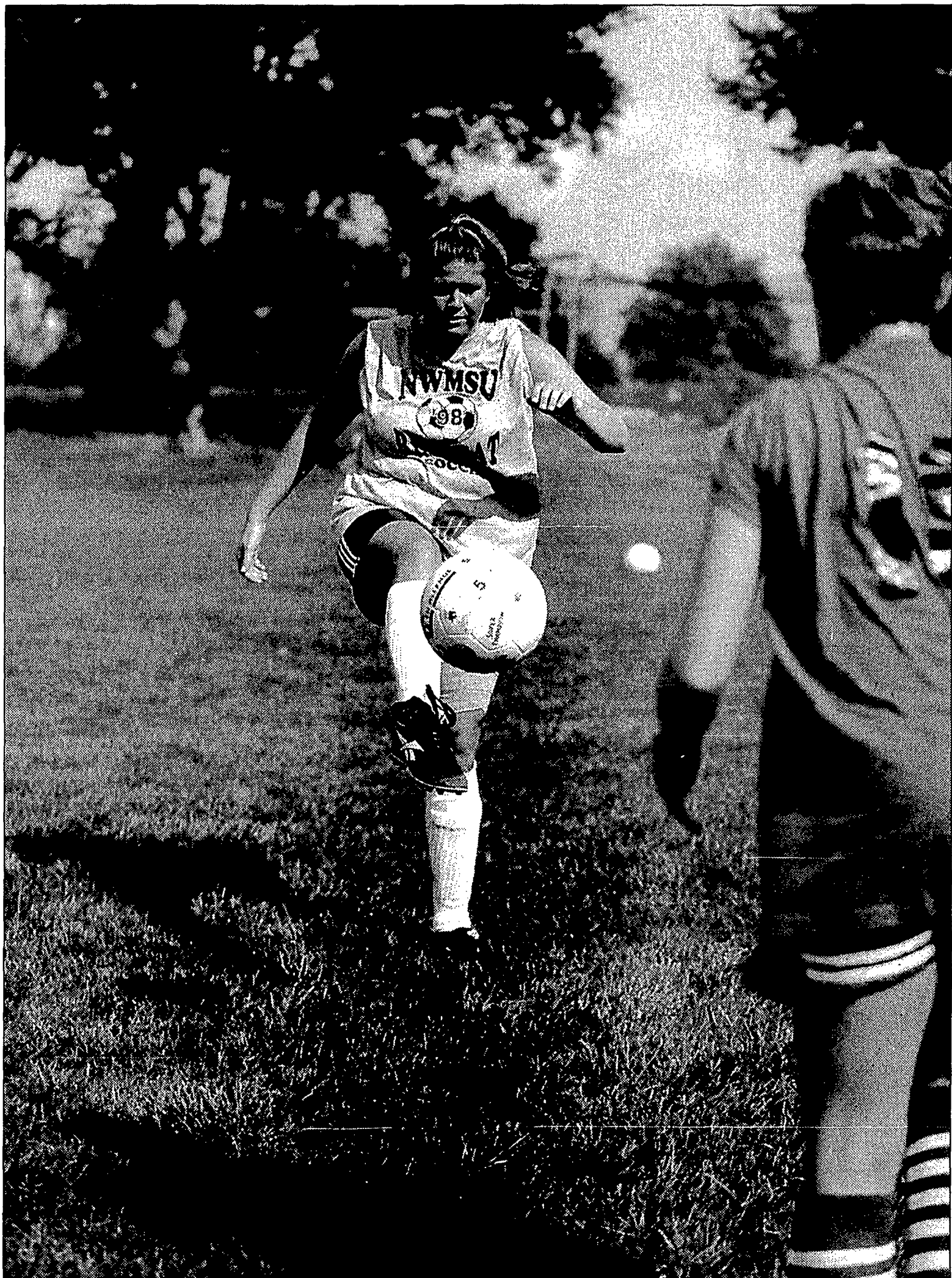
"I think we got a good team," Rasmussen said. "I think we ought to be able to make it out of the first round of sectionals once we get together and get playing. It's been hectic, but next week we should be ready after things settle down."

With senior captains Jason Garrett and Caleb Taylor leading the way, Rasmussen hopes the players will learn some lessons throughout the season.

"I expect them to get together and play as a team, not as individuals," Rasmussen said.

"We're still working on that a little bit. And I hope to see them learn a little responsibility and the importance of team play and hard work, because if you don't work hard, you're not going to go somewhere in this world. I think if they learn to work hard here, when they get to college and school work, it'll be easy for them."

The 'Hounds will kick off their inaugural season Aug. 31 at the Liberty, Mo. Tournament.



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Senior Amy Weekly passes to fellow senior Katy Adams during a practice drill Tuesday. This is the first year the women's team will compete as a varsity sport

and in MIAA competition. Their first game is scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday at Northwest against Truman State University.

New Spoofhound softball team swings into action

By BLAKE DREHLE
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Fall is the busiest time of the year for Maryville High School athletics, and this year is no different with two new sports being added to the roster.

The girls' softball team will be inaugurated this year.

Players participating are very excited to be on the team and want to be successful as well as have fun, head coach Kate Blackney said.

"We have a good nucleus of girls who have played on a numerous amount of summer teams and want to show area schools and coaches what they have," she said.

Blackney, who is no stranger to being a coach in Maryville, with six years of experience from girls basketball and track, said having the opportunity to coach the softball team was something she could not pass up because of the respect she has for the sport.

"There have been many people who have been interested in starting a softball program here in the 20 years I have been here, and I believe there is enough interest in the community to make this a successful sport," she said.

The Spoofhounds, with 16 players, will play at Beal Park.

Overall, things are coming together slowly but surely, Blackney said, with pitching being the strongest part of the team. Having summer experience is a definite factor for two 'Hound hurlers, senior Lindsay Hill and junior Lindsay Stiens, Blackney said.

"Hill and Stiens have a lot of expe-

"The batting lineup is a question for the first game right now because of problems with trying to get runners on base and getting them home. We do believe the pitching will enable us to stay close in games, but problems with batting may affect games because of the inability to get on base and score."

KATE BLACKNEY
SPOOFHOUND SOFTBALL COACH

rience from summer leagues, which will help out the team dramatically in experience," she said. "The potential to succeed is there because many of the girls on this team have summer experience, and will be looked to leaders for the team."

One thing that does concern Blackney has been batting problems the team has been struggling with since practice first started. The batting lineup will be decided when the 'Hounds play their first game Thursday at Ravenwood.

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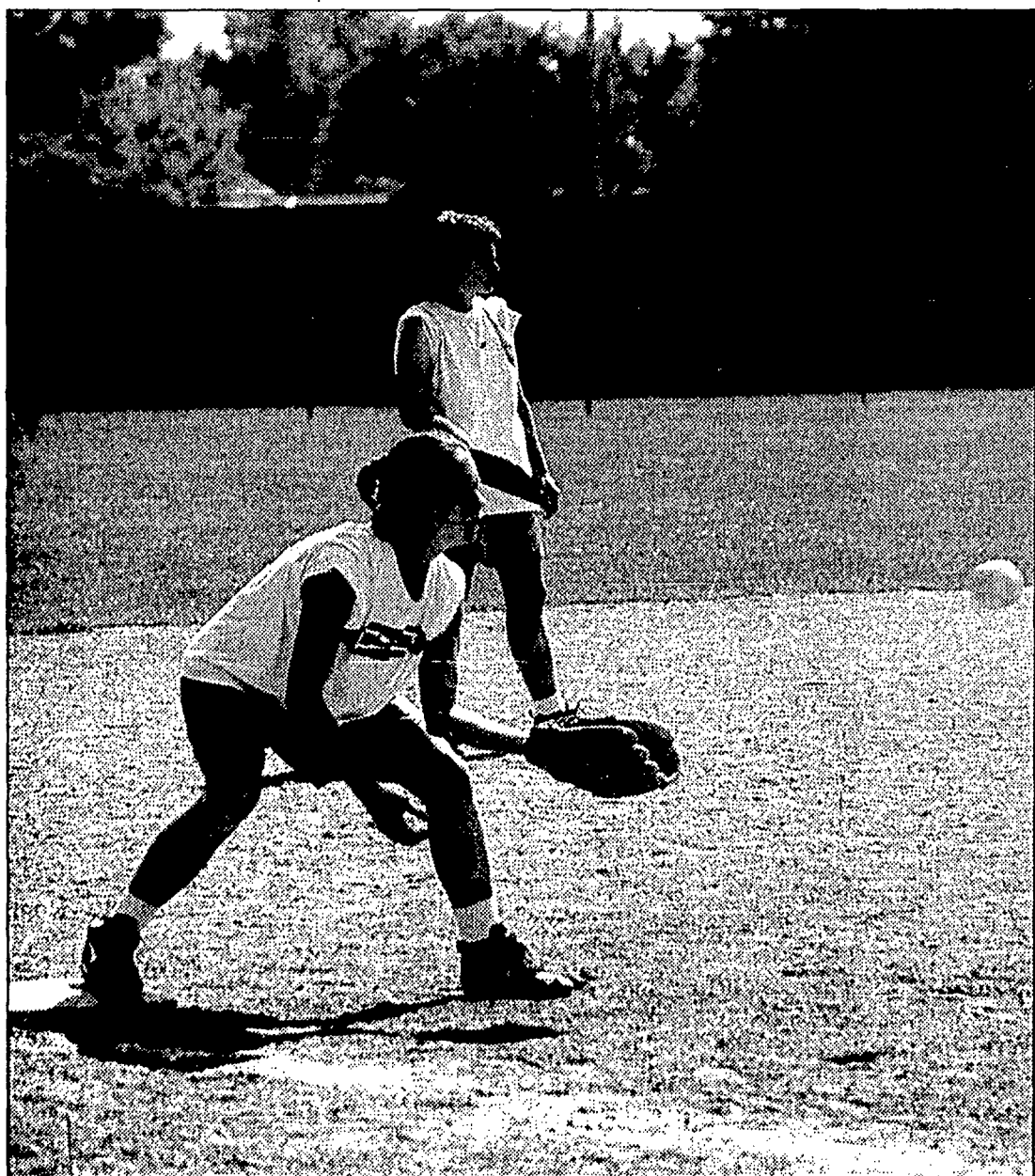
Senior Chirstina Twaddell, possible third baseman, said one of the major things lacking on the team is batting and how the team needs to focus more on how the balls are being thrown at them.

"Concentration on batting is really hurting players like me because of trouble watching the balls and the patience on when to hit them," she said.

Even if there are problems with hitting, the optimistic part of wanting to compete well against the scheduled opponents has the team ready to start play, Blackney said.

Senior centerfielder Amy Eckerson said she is ready to start the season to see how well prepared the team is.

"Practice has really improved us a lot in becoming more of a team in the last two weeks. We knew all the fundamentals, but we are still grasping the concepts of being a team."



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Senior Chirstina Twaddell catches a throw at third base last Thursday. The Spoofhounds will be fielding 16 players this year during their first season, and their home games will be played at Beal Park.

In Review

NORTHWEST

Former Bearcat coach dies over summer

Former Northwest coach Ryland Milner died June 16 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home. Milner, for whom the University's athletic complex is named, was 89.

Milner played on three MIAA championship basketball teams, as well as the 1931 MIAA championship football team, while a student at Northwest. He was named All-MIAA for basketball in 1932-33.

Since he began coaching at the University in 1937, Milner coached 20 seasons of football, 7 years of basketball, and 5 years of track and field, leading the Bearcats to two indoor and two outdoor conference titles. He also coached cross country and golf.

Milner was inducted into the Northwest M Club Hall of Fame in 1981, received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1987 and was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

Funeral services were conducted at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Tennis signs 3 players for upcoming season

Three athletes will join the ranks of the Bearcat tennis teams for the upcoming season.

Adrianna Hernandez, Mexico City, has signed a national letter-of-intent to play at Northwest. She was ranked in the top 15 among 18-year-olds in Mexico last year.

Maryville High School graduate Megan McLaughlin will walk on and play for the 'Cat women as well.

The Northwest men will add Jeremiah Schultz, Omaha, Neb., to their roster. Schultz, a graduate of Omaha North High School, has been ranked in the top 35 18-year-olds in the nation by the United States Tennis Association.

Seven merit MIAA presidential honors

Seven Northwest team members earned recognition for maintaining cumulative 4.00 grade-point averages, while attending the University for at least two terms.

Senior Robby Lane, cross country and track runner, senior tennis player Reinhard Mosslinger and freshman football player John Otte were named to the list for the Bearcat men.

Freshman track runner Ronda Cheers, junior basketball player Linda Mattson, sophomore Jill Quast, volleyball and softball player Shelli Suda were included on the women's side.

Nineteen males and 28 females in the MIAA earned the honor for the 1998-1999 school year.

Netters earn awards from ITA for grades

Three Bearcat men's tennis players were named Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division II Scholar-Athletes.

Michael Greiner, Albuquerque, N.M., Reinhard Mosslinger, Urieglach, Austria, and Brandon Willett, Centerville, Iowa, all earned the honor.

The three were among 67 Division II men and women to meet the criteria for this award.

In order to earn ITA Scholar-Athlete status at the NCAA Division II level, a player must be a junior or senior, a varsity letter-winner and have a grade-point average of 3.50 or better.

Tjeerdsma takes part in panel discussion

Northwest head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma took part in a panel discussion Aug. 6 during a luncheon at the Arrowhead Club sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission.

Tjeerdsma joined Bill Snyder, Kansas State University head coach, and Terry Allen, University of Kansas head coach, and fielded questions.

Spring sports end on high notes

TRACK

Five Bearcat track athletes traveled to the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field championships May 28-30 in Emporia, Kan. Two returned home with All-America honors.

Senior Robby Lane wrapped up his Northwest career with a fifth-place finish in the 10,000-meter run earning All-America accolades. Junior Matt Abele was named All-America after finishing fourth in the long jump. Lane finished the 10,000 meter in a time of 40:48.74 while Abele leaped 23 feet 9 1/2 inches.

Junior Varick Dabney and sophomore Tucker Woolsey also represented the Bearcat men at the meet. Dabney finished fourth in his heat of the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.83 seconds. Woolsey finished seventh in the finals of the shot put with a throw of 53 feet 6 1/4 inches.

Freshman Melissa Eighmy was the sole representative for the Bearcat women. Eighmy finished eighth in her heat of the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 66.31 seconds.

The title of All-America is given to the top five American athletes in each event at the national meet.

TENNIS

The Bearcat men's and women's tennis teams finished their seasons at the MIAA championships April 22-24 in Springfield.

The women finished third in the conference with 44 points just behind Missouri Southern State College and Washburn University.

Winners for the 'Cats were senior Kim Buchan, No. 2 singles, and junior Julie Ervin, No. 5 singles. Senior Yasmine Osborne's tournament was cut short after she injured her knee in the No. 1 singles finals. As a result of the injury, the No. 1 doubles team of Buchan and Osborne had to remove from competition.

The Bearcat men also placed third, one point behind Truman State University, scoring 39 points. Southwest Baptist University won the championship with 66 points.

Junior Kornell Romada notched a win for the men in the No. 4 singles matchup. The No. 3 doubles team of Romada and freshman Brett McConnell also won for the Bearcats. In a consolation match, the No. 2 doubles team of sophomore Scott Magdziak and Daniel Verhozen claimed victory.

SOFTBALL

May 9 the Northwest softball team achieved a feat not accomplished since 1984: they won the MIAA softball championship.

The 'Cats, who finished the season 19-18 overall, clinched the title with a 7-6 victory over Truman State University.

Sophomore pitcher Andrea Kearns notched the win for the No. 7 seeded 'Cats, ending the season 2-8.

To get to the Bulldogs, Northwest knocked off Washburn University and Emporia State University, advancing to the winner's bracket final. There the 'Cats faced Central Missouri State University and edged out the Jennies 3-2 to move on to the championship round.

Northwest played Truman State, which advanced from the loser's bracket, falling 1-0 to the Bulldogs. The Bearcat's loss forced a final game in the double-elimination tournament.

In game two, senior Melissa Angel came up with one out in the ninth inning and knocked her second sacrifice fly of the game to put the 'Cats ahead 7-6. Kearns held the Bulldogs, to take the victory.

TIME OUT

Columnist asks readers to remember more than just football

Welcome back to another year of Bearcat sports. Hopefully, to conclude with more championships and winning seasons.

The football team will be defending the national championship this year, as if you don't remember all the hype when they won it.

But something you may not know is that cross country, volleyball and women's soccer are also gearing up. The men's cross country team won regionals and went to the NCAA championship as well last year and look to continue the tradition.

The women's cross country team is rebuilding, while the volleyball team is finally prepared to take on perennial power Central Missouri State University with its now upperclassmen team. And the soccer team will play its first season as a varsity team, kicking things off against conference rival Truman State University. All this and more on your local Bearcat campus.

And you can be a part of it. Each of these sports can be exciting and each of them has home games or meets. Make sure to check the *Missourian* for a weekly schedule and go support all of the Bearcat sports teams.

Other interesting happenings: Keep your eyes peeled for former Northwest quarterback Chris Greisen in an Arizona Cardinals uniform. Former Northwest running back Jesse Haynes and last year's Emporia State University standout and Brian Shay may both be spotted in Chiefs garb.

Nevermind that *The Kansas*

City Star's sports columnist Jason Whitlock has discounted Haynes as possibly being too old and just one of many running backs the Chiefs could keep.

Speaking of the NFL, it seems preseason games are only important to the fans of the winning team. Everyone else, myself included, makes excuses as to why their team didn't perform up to snuff. But hey, it is NFL action. It's better than that annoying lull in the middle of summer where all we had to watch was baseball and golf.

And don't forget, cuts are coming. The NFL teams has to cut rosters to 65 Tuesday and another chop is coming Sept. 5. Who knows who will be lost on the cutting room floor? There's always the practice squad and that pays about 60 grand a year. Not bad for a few months work.

Another standout athlete that's gracing the headlines, and one to keep an eye on if you're quick enough, is sprinter Maurice Greene. Haven't heard of him? He's only the fastest man in the world, and he just keeps getting faster. And not only that, he's a hometown hero. Yep, the speedy one is from Kansas City, Kan. Yes, he runs track. See, I told you all sports can be exciting.

Well, that's it for this weeks chattering. Tune in next week for thoughts on the Bearcat squad after game 1, NFL futures and more sports from around the globe. I may even be forced to discuss golf. Who knows? Is Tiger playing?

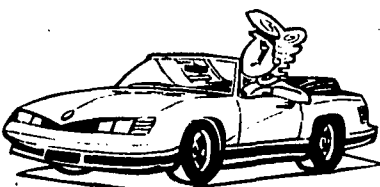


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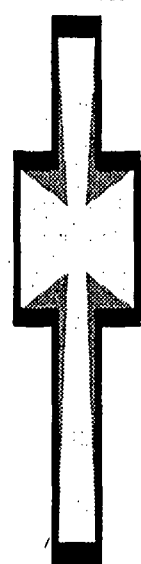
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"Conference is obviously our goal. We were picked second by the coaches, but our goal is to win it. We're young, but we can still put ourselves in the right position to win it."

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER BRYCE GOOD
ON THE UNIVERSITY TEAM'S EXPECTATIONS FOR THE YEAR

Spikers to defend title

Seven returning players leave squad hopeful for a state championship run

By **BLAKE DREHLE**
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

A goal is taped to a wall in the Maryville High School gymnasium by the girls' volleyball team: "Competing for the state championship."

The Spoofhounds, who went 22-8-3 last year and were district champions, have experience with five seniors and two juniors returning, head coach Greg Winslow said.

"We only lost two seniors from last year, so the impact was minimal in the numbers, but the loss in experience does leave a hole in the team," he said.

Having experienced players

returning increases Winslow's hopes for a successful year.

"All five seniors are expected to play major roles, and the two juniors are looking to step up and fill the shoes from last year," he said.

There have been several changes on the schedule for the 'Hounds this year, including the 'Hound Tournament, which will start this year at Northwest.

"We tried to improve the schedule by picking up tougher competition with a couple of Kansas City teams and playing in more tournaments," Winslow said.

Senior spiker Jennifer Easton agrees with the changes, saying it allows the team to prepare for teams that have different styles of play.

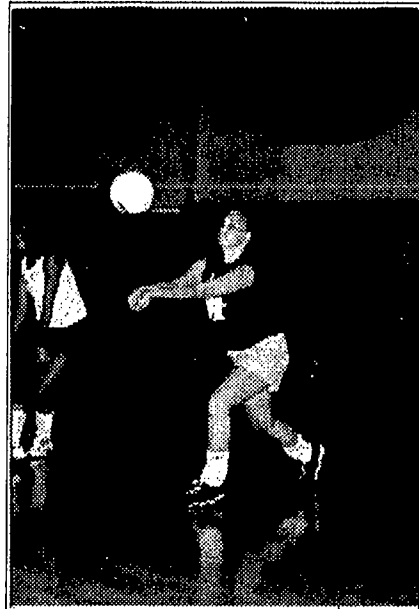
"We want to repeat as district champs and advance farther than we

did last year," Easton said. "To do that we needed to play a schedule that will help us become stronger, because we played different teams with a faster approach to the game."

Conference play will be as competitive as it is every year, Winslow said, and with winter and summer games the 'Hounds have been able to improve by playing against several conference teams.

"A lot of things go into this team year round because the majority of seniors and juniors played winter and summer ball," he said. "They have seen some tough competition and know they can play with chemistry and sacrifice themselves to win."

With the practice and desire to win the team should be able to overcome obstacles it faces this year, junior Dana Lade said.



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Freshman Samantha Mitchell participates in drills during practice Friday afternoon in the Maryville High School gym. The 'Hounds will play Rock Port on Tuesday.

'Cat runners rebuild, prep for 1st meet

By **WENDY BROKER**
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's and women's cross country teams hope leadership from returning runners and the addition of some new athletes will be the recipe for success and gaining the conference championship title.

On the women's side, the 'Cats look to take steps to improve on last year's fourth-place conference finish.

"We are looking for several individuals to step up and meet the challenge," head coach Vicki Wootton said. "We want to regain our conference championship."

Junior Megan Carlson said the road to success at conference will not be easy, but team unity will help.

"This is going to be another rebuilding year," Carlson said. "We are ready to work hard, have fun and hopefully finish better than our fourth place finish last year. This will be another close team and we will help each other along like we always do."

The Bearcat men look to continue a winning tradition after winning last year's Great Lakes Regional championship and advancing to the NCAA championship, but will be without four seniors and two other key members.

The men, ranked second in the MIAA preseason coaches' poll, will depend on seniors Josh Heihn and Bryan Thornburg along with juniors Mike Ostreko and Matt DiPreto and sophomore Bryce Good to lead the 'Cats.

"Those guys all did a good job for us last year and will be a good group of leaders," head coach Rich Alsop said. "We have a good young crew in to join the returners. Talentwise they are as good as last year's team, except some of them are young and inexperienced. They have a hard act to follow, but I wouldn't count these guys out."

Roster size affects girls' golf game

By **BURTON TAYLOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

One of the consistent battles the Maryville girls' golf team has faced in recent years is the size of the Spoofhound force.

With only six players on the roster, the players are concentrating on ways they can benefit from low numbers.

In preparation for their first match versus Tarkio, who they will play host to Tuesday at Mozingo Lake Golf Course, the six girls are forming a bond with one another in order to become a strong team.

"Being a small team helps because we can communicate better and can help each other out a lot more," junior Jessa Spainhower said.

The linker's roster is exempt of seniors, which means the entire team has to play well in order to be successful, junior Jodi Throckmorton said.

Throckmorton and Spainhower are sharing the role of team captain which has caused nothing less than added excitement about the new season.

"We have to step up and take some leadership," Spainhower said. "We are co-captains and we just have to help out the younger players and show them the ropes a bit."

Other players on this year's roster include freshman Abbey Jeleovich and sophomores Natalie Billings, Erin McLaughlin and newcomer sophomore Sheresa Zion.

Jeleovich went to a golf camp during the summer in Iowa in order to improve her game and prepare for the season.

Since camp, she said she is concentrating, more now than ever, on improving her game.

"I want to keep it consistently in the low 50s and realistically lower my score a few strokes," she said.

Billings said she is working on her iron play, which she hopes to have in order by the team's first match.

Netters look for improvements

By **BLAKE DREHLE**
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Last year was a down year for the Maryville High School girls' tennis team as they finished winless, but thanks to a better attitude things may be different this season.

"We lost a lot of seniors last year, and there is not much experience returning, but we feel that we've got a lot of potential to win this year," senior netter Emily Jackson said.

The Spoofhounds have four seniors returning to the team this year and with some hard work head coach P.K. Krokstrom said they can be successful.

"I think we will have a good showing this year with 14 girls on the team, and with some experience coming back we should be able to win games," Krokstrom said.

Krokstrom missed the majority of last season because of health reasons and was not able to attend many games, but he enforced the fact that the team needs confidence.

"I wasn't able to witness the girls in action last year, but I received full reports on how they performed and it sounded like they needed to have more confidence in themselves," Krokstrom said.

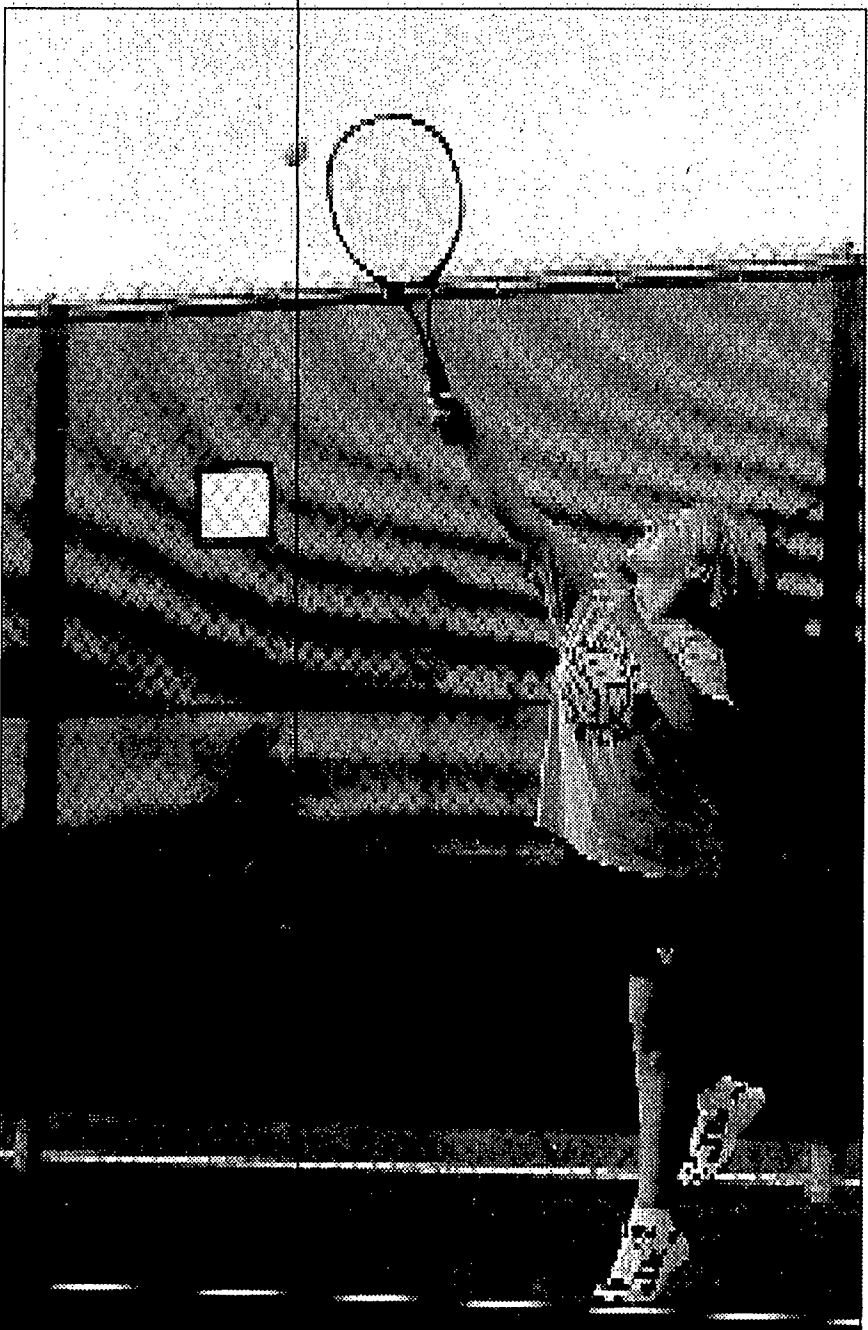
Senior Malynda Allan said the 'Hounds can gain confidence this season by growing more as a team with several players stepping up to guide the others.

"I think the seniors can show leadership by taking control of the team in practices and playing harder as the season grows closer," Allan said.

Along with senior players who are wanting to lead the team there is a desire to gain experience in younger players as well, Krokstrom said.

"We have players that want to learn from the older girls and be able to fill their shoes when they graduate," he said. "That is what is good about this team, they want to play together and not individually."

Even with the interest the players are having for the team there is always room for more help, senior Carrie Grah said.



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Kelli Jennings practices her serve Tuesday during tennis practice. The girls' tennis team plays at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Lafayette.

'Hound harriers strive for successful season

By **BLAKE DREHLE**
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

As a new season approaches, the determination to have a successful year remains the same for the Maryville boys and girls cross country teams.

After finishing fifth and sixth respectively in districts last year, the teams look to make a run at placing higher and qualifying more individuals in state competition, head coach Ron Eckerson said.

The 'Hounds have a total of 14 harriers on this year's team which includes eight boys and six girls.

The number of participants is down with the addition of two fall sports, Eckerson said. Despite a drop in the number of runners, he said the girls team has the ability to be productive.

"The addition of two junior track girls, Heather Robertson and Abby Dawson, have shown capable long distance running," he said. "They should help out the girls' team in striving to be a better squad."

Dawson is striving to help the 'Hounds as much as she can through her experience in running track and field.

"We need to improve as a team in improving times each meet and doing the best we can," Dawson said.

Returning harriers to the team include junior state qualifier Jennifer Heller and senior Melissa Myers. Myers said trying to perform as best as they can is the team's No. 1 goal.

"We seem more motivated this season to do better because everybody is committed to it," she said.

The boys' team lost three seniors to graduation, but four juniors are returning who have set their sights on winning districts, Eckerson said.

"Anytime you lose people to graduation it will hurt, but the best thing to do is to let the younger guys coming up take over and work hard," he said.

The team seems to be focused with an attitude that is straight forward with pressures and workout you get from this sport, junior Travis Turner said.

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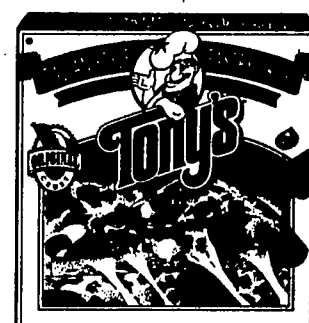
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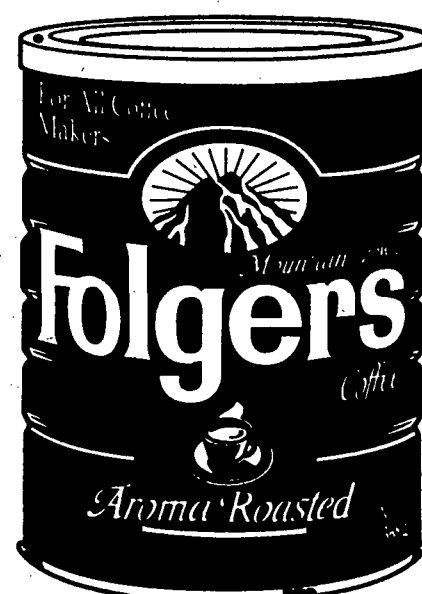
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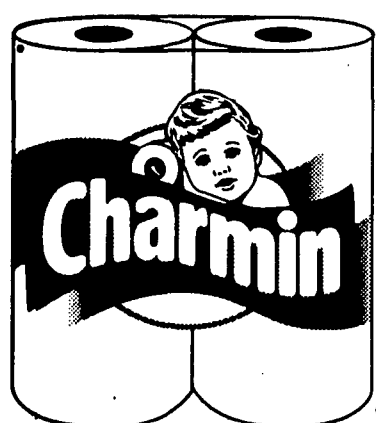
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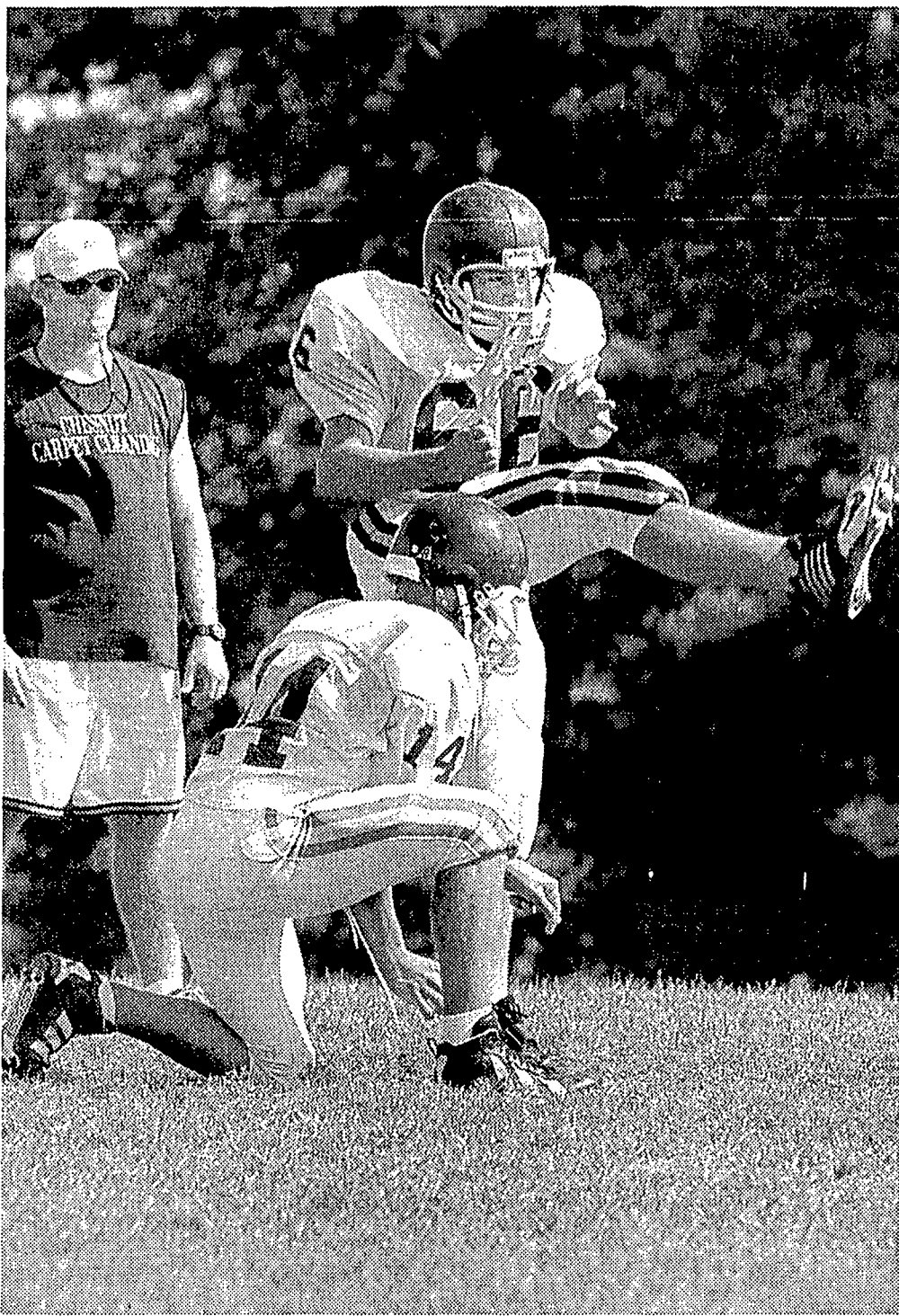
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Defending conference champs set sights on state championship

By BLAKE DREHLE
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Renovations, a new name for the stadium and a team ready to prove itself has fans excited about the possibilities of what may happen for the Maryville High School football team.

The improved Karl Nanninga stadium will provide Spoofhound fans the same excitement as it has in past years, but new lighting and two 25-second clocks at each end zone, head coach Chuck Lliteras is feeling confident about this season.

"This season promises to be another exciting one because with the community backing us up we feel that we will be hard to beat," Lliteras said.

Lliteras, who will be entering his 20th season as a football coach and his 10th season as the 'Hounds coach, has established a team dedicated to winning the Midland Empire Conference and the Missouri 3A football championship.

Practice was promising for the team, Lliteras said, with minimal injuries and solid attendance by the players, the 'Hounds were able to get a lot accomplished.

After losing a respectable senior class last year, Lliteras feels this year's senior group of 13 will step up and become natural leaders as their predecessors did.

"As in years past, this senior class is ready to step up and become the leaders of this team," he said. "I feel that these guys are capable of doing this because if you look at past players they were able to step up and contribute. I have worked with great seniors in the past, and it shows with 32 playing college ball."

The 'Hounds will have two quarterbacks running things this year, with senior Pat Jordan and sophomore Trent Twaddell sharing playing time.

Jordan will be one of the seniors assuming leadership on the field, and that does not bother him.

"This team has a good nucleus of seniors who are ready to play and make it to and past districts," Jordan said. "We want to teach the younger guys as much as we can in preparing them to reach the ultimate goal — the state championship."

Offensively, the 'Hounds will look to what has worked for them in past years — the spread option.

"We are a quick and fast team with not much size,

but the backfield will please fans with the attributes they bring to the field," Lliteras said. "We have a diverse amount of running backs with different playing styles, and I feel that they will do fine with strong blocking the offensive line."

Even with an offense that has the capability of scoring every time it gets on the field, Lliteras said the defense will once again rise to win games.

"We pride ourselves on a stingy defense, and when you look at former Maryville coaches who took their teams to the playoffs and state, it was the defenses that really lead them there," he said. "The offense is a very explosive part of the team, but the emphasis is to stop the other team's offense and force a turnover so we can score points."

One particular position on the defense which has been a heated battle is the inside linebacker spot that was held by former All-State player John Edmonds, who received a scholarship to the Northwest football program, Lliteras said.

"This summer there has been competitive practices between senior Justin DeShon, and sophomores Mitch Herring and Joey Willmes, who are looking to replace John at the inside linebacker spot, and I do believe they have the talent to be able to do that," he said.

Besides Herring and Willmes, Lliteras said he has been pleased with several of his younger players who have stepped up in practice.

"Junior outside linebacker Tommy Bailey, sophomore spill end Paul Otte and junior offensive guard Brent Deverse have shown

drastic improvements over the summer and will likely be looked at as the season progresses to participate and make contributions for the team," he said.

DeShon said even though the seniors will be looked to for leadership, the underclassmen need to make their mark as much as they can on the team.

"Since we have many young guys playing, the more we have practiced the better we have gotten, and this is a necessity because the seniors will have to be leaders going into the season," he said. "The seniors on this team have been a part of a winning team since our freshmen year and we want to carry on this tradition."

Even with the questions fans may still have for the 'Hounds, Lliteras summed things up by saying the number one goal is the same as every year: To make the playoffs and compete for the state championship in St. Louis.

As in years past, this senior class is ready to step up and become the leaders of this team. I feel that these guys are capable of doing this because if you look at past players they were able to step up and contribute.

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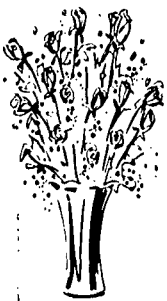
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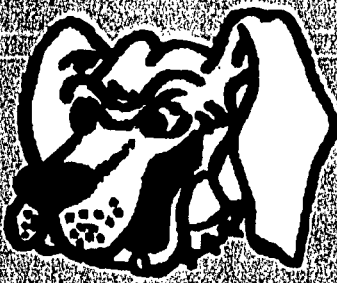
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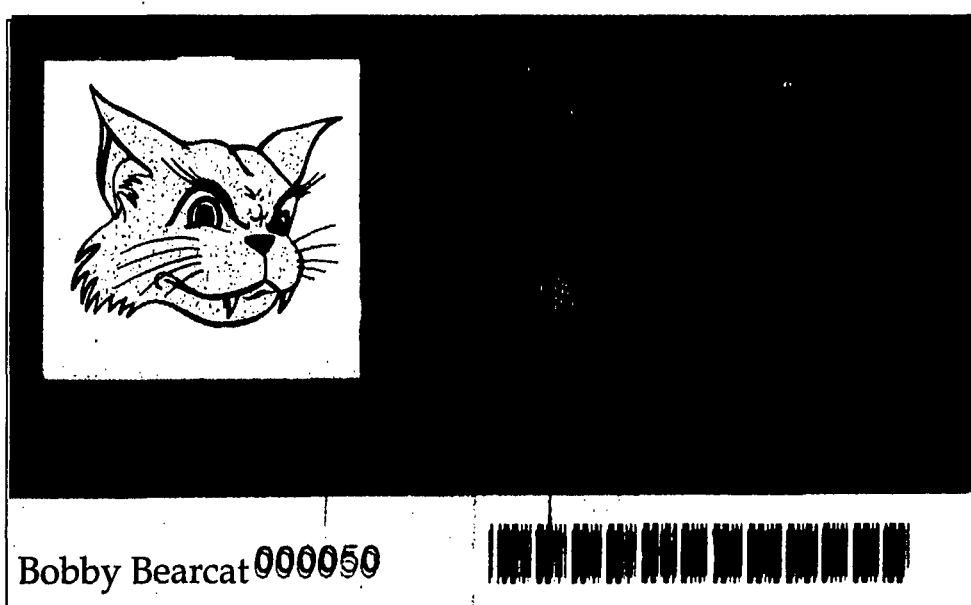
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